SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP FARM COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2018

PRESENT: Tim Luccaro (Chair), Ron Moule (Vice Chair), Brian Smith, Buz Teacher, Graham Phillips, Kevin Morrissey (Liason) and Nicole Slack (Administrator)

ABSENT: Kaitlin Farbotnik, Stephen Phillips

AUDIENCE: Josh Perlsweig, Wayne Kenton, Paul Morelli, Thomas K. Phillips, Jason

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I. OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Luccaro called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 1, 2017

Minutes from previous meeting were not approved; will re-visit at a later date.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Morrissey announced the addition of Nicole Slack as the administrator to the Farm Committee, who will handle the agendas and meeting minutes. Mr. Morrissey also welcomed interested resident Josh Perslweig who will be working with the committee.

Mr. Morrissey reminded the committee that the Board of Supervisors will be reviewing an associate program for all Township Committees.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

2018 Farm Committee Chair Vote

Mr. Luccaro motioned Mr. Moule be committed to Chair; passed unanimously. Mr. Ron Moule motioned Mr. Luccaro to be committed to Vice Chair; passed unanimously.

Creamery Road Discussion

Mr. Paul Morelli, a resident of Creamery Road, addressed the issues, regarding the traffic on Creamery Road. Resident Mr. Paul Morelli was addressed at this point and stated he requested by neighbors to represent the community. He along with the other residents on Creamery Road are concerned the traffic addressed traffic issue rather than a Farm Committee issue and urged Mr. Morelli to arrange a meeting with the Township Manager. Mr. Morrissey advised he would attend the meeting with Mr. Morelli. The possibility of more signage was addressed and Mr. Morelli suggested the entrance to Solebury Orchard be relocated as there are crops under the power lines already and the right of way may not apply. Mr. Morrissey again addressed this was a traffic issue and will reach out to schedule a meeting with Mr. Carney for next week.

Omnibus Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Moule begun the discussion of the Omnibus Zoning Ordinance. There is to be a meeting schedule at the end of March.

Farmer Match Program Subcommittee

The program will match new farmers with the many land opportunities available in Solebury.

PA Farm Link is used to unanimously advertise land, and gives access to applicants who are then able to apply. Mr. Moule asked that this be posted to the Township website under the Farm Committee.

Mr. Moule mentioned that there is a property located behind Triumph in New Hope to which the owner is looking to lease. Suggested this may be suited for agricultural. Mr. Teacher discussed the possibility of property being presented as an edible school yard.

Meeting date needs to be set for the next subcommittee meeting.

Future Farm Committee Meeting

Mr. Morrissey requested the next meeting date be changed from May 22, 2018 to June 5, 2018 – all agreed.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT -

Mr. Wayne Kenton addressed issues in regards to Conservation Easement- stated his easement was halted due to impervious land. Mr. Kenton would like to meet with the Township Engineer. Mr. Kenton also suggested the Township to look into a Horse Management Plan as well as more established networking options.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion by Buz Teacher, seconded by Tim Luccaro, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Nicole Slack Farm Committee Administrator