

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP FARM COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2018

**PRESENT:** Tim Luccaro (Chair), Kaitlin Farbotnik (Vice Chair), Brian Smith, Buz Teacher, Graham Phillips, Stephen Phillips, Josh Perlsweig, Kevin Morrissey (Liaison) and Nicole Slack (Administrator)

**AUDIENCE:** Paul Morelli

**I. OPENING OF MEETING**

Chair Luccaro called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Tim Luccaro welcomed Mr. Josh Perlsweig to the Farm Committee.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2018 Farm Committee Chair Vote

Mr. Perlsweig motioned Ms. Farbotnik be committed to Chair; passed unanimously. Ms. Farbotnik motioned Mr. Luccaro to be committed to Vice Chair; passed unanimously.

Updates on Greenhouse Ordinance

Chair Farbotnik stated the Township Solicitors office and Township Manager proposed the Greenhouse Ordinance and it has been passed along to Board of Supervisors for public review and Supervisors approval. Mr. Kevin Morrissey discussed the 1486 House Bill that was passed in April; mentioned the issue of coverage (what percentage/acreage). Mr. Perlsweig discusses the exemption from Stormwater Management and conforming to the language of bill.

Mr. Perlsweig was in contact with someone from the Farm Bureau and stated they were impressed with the Township for being proactive.

Continued discussion on coverage and length of time permitted; approved uses as it pertains to agricultural use; no electricity and temporary removable coverage.

Farmer Match Program Quarterly Meetings

Mr. Morrissey contacted PA Farm Link to discuss the Farmer Match Program. Boards feels there is potential as nothing like this has been achieved prior. Mr. Perlsweig spoke with PASA (Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture), a forum for the community; encourages others to look at the forum on the community board.

### Social Media and Farm Committee

Mr. Morrissey will be responsible for the Farm Committee Facebook page which will not be tied to the Township. Outlet for community to connect in regards to Farming.

### Quarterly Meeting with Land Preservation Committee

LPC is committed to preserving land and development rights. LPS makes initial contact, guides residents through the process. Properties are monitored; concerns were raised in regard to the visits/monitoring and adequate notice being given.

Discussion on best time for The Farm Committee and LPC to meet, possibly Wednesday or Thursday at 7pm – will continue the conversation.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Mr. Paul Morelli met with Township Manager, Dennis Carney, Supervisor Kevin Morrissey and previous Chair Ron Moule in regards to issues with traffic on Creamery Road. Possible solutions or temporary ideas to remedy the issue included more signage that would be displayed in the morning and removed in the evening. Mr. Josh Perlsweig would follow up with Mr. Carney on temporary experimental signs.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon a Motion by Mr. Perlsweig, seconded by Buz Teacher, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole Slack  
Farm Committee Administrator