

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP FARM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF June 4, 2019

PRESENT: Kaitlin Farbotnik (Chair), Tim Luccaro (Vice Chair), Graham Phillips, Josh Perlsweig, Gary Manoff, Craig Haney, Kevin Morrissey (Liaison) and Nicole Slack (Administrator)

AUDIENCE:

I. OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Farbotnik called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Tim Luccaro, seconded by Mr. Buz Teacher, the minutes of the February 26, 2019 Farm Committee meeting unanimously approved.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Annual Farm Committee Update

The Farm Committee will make their annual presentation to the Board of Supervisors at the next BOS meeting. The annual presentation will be a brief update as to what the committee is working on, success they have had and goals for the year.

High Tunnel/Passive Green House/ Agricultural Ordinance

The committee was provided with additional comments and concerns from the Zoning Officer. The committee reviewed the comments and will draft a response and provide to the Solicitor. The ordinance as it stands is approved by the Farm Committee in a motion from Mr. Perlsweig and seconded by Ms. Farbotnik. The committee will review the comments once received by the Solicitor. Concerns included the impervious calculation and the financial hardship it would cause in plan preparation; retracting roofs; consideration of who would be monitoring the properties.

Farm Committee Meeting Dates

It was agreed that the committee would meet additionally in the upcoming months to prepare for a Farm Committee Information Session. Additional dates include July 9th and rescheduling 8/26 to 9/24 with a Farm Committee Information Session to be held on October 3rd.

October 3rd Farm Committee Community Presentation

The committee along with assistance from various groups, organizations and farmers will host an informative meeting for the public in hopes to engage and encourage local land owners to farm their properties. The forum will include general land owner

education; emphasize the need of farmers, the visual appeal of farm landscapes, importance of food security and agricultural benefits in the Township. Various members of the committee will reach out to PASA, NOFA, the extension program and DelVal.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comment

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion by Ms. Farbotnik, seconded by Mr. Manoff, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Slack
Farm Committee Administrator