

Solebury Township Farm Committee
January 28, 2020
Solebury Township Hall

MINUTES

Attendance: Kaitlin Farbotnik, Tim Luccaro, Graham Phillips, Josh Perlsweig, Kevin Morrissey (Supervisor) and Nicole Slack (Township Administration). Absent: Craig Haney, Gary Manoff
Audience: Gretchen Rice, Brent Alderfer

I. Call to Order

Kaitlin Farbotnik called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

II. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Josh Perslweig, seconded by Mr. Tim Luccaro, the minutes of the November 19, 2019 Farm Committee meeting unanimously approved.

III. Announcements

IV. New Business

Kaitlin was nominated by Josh Perlsweig to renew her term as Chair, passed unanimously. Graham was nominated by Kaitlin to serve as Vice Chair, passed unanimously.

V. Discussion Items

Delaware Valley University Platform Development

Committee members are waiting to hear back from DelVal in terms of feasibility. Kaitlin will explore additional options and by end of year the committee will come up with a clear path for project.

Solebury Township Farmers Market

Several questions were raised in relation to having a farmer's market in the Township. Questions included, are there enough interested producers, location of market, is it beneficial, how would it evolve, what are vendors and consumers looking for, what would the model for the market be? The goal of the farmer's market would be to showcase local, Solebury Farmers. What would the marketing approach be, who would run it, what analysis would need to be completed in order to make it successful. Tim and Josh will reach out to local producers prior to the next FC meeting in order to gage interest and feasibility.

BOS Opposition to Bill 2039

Supervisor Kevin Morrissey stated that the Board of Supervisors is neither apposed or in

favor of Bill 2039. The Bill is still in draft form at this time, concerns from the committee were what could the Township regulate vs. what can the state regulate? To what extent is an agricultural use defined and what is considered a non-agricultural use?

VI. Public Comment

Gretchen Rice introduced herself as a Planning Commission committee member; the PC has decided each of their members would attend meetings of other committees to stay involved with happenings across the Township committees.

Brent Alderfer was satisfied with the discussion in relation to the farmers market, would be pleased if it was a possibility and looks forward to continued discussion.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Slack
Farm Committee Administrator