

MINUTES

Solebury Township
Farm Committee Meeting
12/14/16, 7-8:45 pm
Solebury Township Building

- 7:00 pm Call to Order
- 7:00-7:20 Discussion of Committee Mission and Objectives -
- 7:20-7:45 Discussion of "Farm" Definition in Solebury Township
 - Acreage Requirements - There are variable acreage requirements depending on the program. ASA requires 10 acres.
 - Revenue Generation Requirements - Agreed that there should be some sort of investment in the agricultural operation and that the land is actively being worked.
 - Alterations or Exceptions
 - Tax Identification and Status
 - Multiple Classifications of Farms
 - Proposed Definition for Committee Operation and Board of Supervisors - Kevin will craft a "mission statement" for the committee and will send out for review/comment
- 7:45-8:15 Sub-Committee Work
 - Farm-Township Issues Sub-Committee (Ron Moule, Graham Phillips, Brian Smith, Buz Teacher)
 - o Zoning Review - Digital copy of ordinances does not exist. Ordinances may be township, county, or state. Our committee will have to determine which issues are related to township ordinances/regulations and can then begin trying to find solutions for those issues. Plumstead Township has maintained a digital copy of ordinances - they can be reached out to for ideas to better manage how to keep digital copies of the ordinances.
 - o Existing Agricultural Exemptions
 - o Other Issue Areas - Farmer Feedback Forum - Some known issues include deer fence requirements, mixed use buildings, and planting windbreaks (denial for scenic view)
 - Agricultural Start-Up Sub-committee (Kaitlin Farbotnik, Tim Luccaro, Stephen Phillips) - Will discuss at a future meeting
 - o Available Resources for New Farmers
 - o Defining Township's Role & Assistance Opportunities
- 8:15-8:45 Solebury Farmers' Public Forum for Committee Planning -
Kevin

- Farm Committee Mailing List and Database – There are approximately 100 addresses on the current list. Committee Task: Review current list for any missing names and send suggested additions to Kevin.
- Objective of Forum – Will hold an open forum for all farmers to voice their concerns over current challenges with farming in Solebury Township.
- Date – Potential – March 8th, 9th, or 15th 2017
- Organizing Responsibility/Publicizing – Public notices will be utilized as well as targeted mailings.

- 8:45

Close Meeting –

Future Meeting Dates: January 18th @ 7:00 and February 22 @ 7:00 (tentative) Meeting adjourned at 8:46