

Solebury Farm Committee  
August 27, 2024  
Hybrid Meeting

Minutes

**In attendance:** Graham Phillips, Gary Manoff, Lowie Comly, Kaitlin Farbotnik, Josh Perlsweig, Lars Crooks, Hanna Howe (Supervisor Liaison), Terry Clemons (Solicitor) & Renee Scally (Administrator)

**Absent:** Buz Teacher, Tim Luccaro

**Call to order**

Graham Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

**Approval of Minutes**

Gary Manoff made a motion to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kaitlin Farbotnik, all in favor.

**Announcements**

EAC invited the Farm Committee to a special screening of Common Ground at The Country Theater in Doylestown on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Public Comment**

None

**Old Business**

**I. Administrative Business**

**a. Updates from BOS meeting – Agricultural Ordinance Accessory Uses**

The BOS meeting was very positive and it will now be turned over to the Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission (BCPC). The BCPC will send report to the BOS with any recommendations/comments.

**b. Updates on Meeting with BCCD, Township Engineer & Township Manager**

Minutes were taken on August 22, 2024 and given to all committee members. Some highlights were:

- farmers need to work with the township engineer earlier in the project and the permit department should speak to someone on the Farm Committee prior to submitting permits
- Relief on fees
- Come up with a list of Agricultural Engineers that will work in the township. Each farmer should get 3 quotes

**c. Sustainability Sub-Committee Updates**

No updates

**d. Comprehensive Plan Committee – updates**

No updates.

**II. Agricultural Promotion Objectives**

**a. Farmer-Land Match Program – updates**

Carversville Farm is looking for farmers that want to farm organic without pesticides

**b. Website Updates**

Josh Perlsweig provided to the committee with a list of resources for landowners/farmers to be posted on the website. Kaitlin Farbotnik suggested to get Delaware Valley University involved and ask to post on their job link website.

Upon a motion by Josh Perlsweig, seconded by Kaitlin Farbotnik, it was unanimously agreed to post the list of resources for landowners/farmers with the added addition of Delaware Valley University job posting to connect farmers, to be posted on the township website under the Farm Committee webpage.

**III. Land & Zoning Use**

**a. Agricultural Ordinance Accessory Uses – updates**

See Old Business, Ia.

**New Business**

**I. Farm Workers Housing Ordinance, part 1**

Brainstorming of ideas for affordable housing for farm workers. Sewage facilities requirements will be needed and will need to speak to the Board of Health and also Bucks County. The committee suggested to have Kaitlin's father come to the next Farm Committee meeting, because he is an expert on sewage facilities.

**Public Comment**

None

**Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm by Graham Phillips, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lars Crooks**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Renee Scally