

Solebury Township Farm Committee
November 30, 2021
Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Attendance: Kaitlin Farbotnik, Graham Phillips, Tim Luccaro, Craig Haney, Gary Manoff, Thomas Mancini, Lars Crooks, Kevin Morrissey (Supervisor Liaison), Nicole Slack (Township Administration) Absent: Stephen Phillips, Buz Teacher

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Gary Manoff seconded Graham Phillips, the minutes of the August 31, 2021, Farm Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

III. Announcements

IV. New Business

V. Discussion Items

Membership

Kaitlin Farbotnik announced that Thomas Mancini is now a full committee member, previously held a position as an associate member. This leaves an associate member position to be filled.

In order to be a member of a committee, you must be a Solebury Township resident.

The Chair position will become available in for the next year. Responsibilities include organizing an agenda, following up with committee members, preparing a presentation of accomplishments for the Board on an annual basis.

Farmer Land Owner Match Program

Kaitlin touched base with Dave Johnson, the Farmer/Land Owner Match platform is being integrated into the website, this is still a work in progress.

Meeting Dates for 2022

On a motion by Kaitlin Farbotnik, seconded by Tim Luccaro, the committee will meet every other month in 2022. The December 2021 meeting will be canceled.

Goals for 2022

Kaitlin suggested the committee host a meeting, to receive feedback from farmers, landowners, etc., on items the Farm Committee could focus on, much like the previous forum held. The forum held at the Upper Elementary school was well attended. Committee received positive feedback and ideas where to focus time on, such as police training, addressing tractors on road ways.

The Committee expressed interest in working alongside other Township Committees regarding overlapping items, such as recycling goals.

Kevin Morrissey is part of Sustainability Steering Group; suggested the committee partake. Also discussed was the topic of Agritourism and ideas that could create a revenue stream for farms; for example, hosting a commercial activity.

Short List of 2022 Goals:

- Temporary Seasonal Housing
- Agritourism (activities)
- Survey

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2022 at 7pm.

VI. Public Comment

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Slack
Farm Committee Administrator