Solebury Township Farm Committee August 31, 2021 Virtual Meeting

Minutes

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

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Graham Phillips seconded Lars Crooks, the minutes of the June 26, 2021, Farm Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

III. Announcements

Supervisor Kevin Morrissey announce that the Farm Committee meetings will be held utilizing Zoom due to the rising numbers of Covid-19 patients in the area.

Buz Teacher expressed gratitude to Nate Spence from the USDA for his help in controlling the deer population in the area. Nate Spence expressed interest in continuing his work to mitigate the deer population in Solebury Township. Mr. Spence is available to assist with permits and other deer related projects.

IV. New Business

V. Discussion Items

Membership

Kaitlin Farbotnik announced that the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Josh Perlsweig should be filled prior to the next Farm Committee meeting.

Landowner Match Program

Kaitlin Farbotnik stated there was no new update. Ms. Farbotnik will email information to the Committee Members once it is received.

Farm Market Survey

No new update.

Solebury Farms List/Brochure/Website

Kaitlin Farbotnik, Tim Luccaro and Thomas Mancini will update the farm list and forward a copy to the Township Administration

On a motion by Tim Luccaro seconded b Graham Phillips, it was unanimously agreed to request the Township to update the Township website with a list of farms.

Agritourism

Discussion was held on ways to become involved in agritourism and if this was something the committee was interested in participating in. Agritourism is a way to bring additional revenue to farmers while hosting events (ex. Photoshoots, weddings, etc.). The committee will continue to research ways and ideas to promote farms and will discuss at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 28th at 7pm.

VI. Public Comment

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Slack Farm Committee Administrator