

Solebury Township Farm Committee
July 25, 2023
Hybrid Meeting

Minutes

In attendance: Lars Crooks, Tim Luccaro, Graham Phillips, Gary Manoff, Buz Teacher, Hanna Howe (Supervisor Liaison), Renee Scally (Township Administration)

Absent: Kaitlin Farbotnik and Jonathan Grossman

Call to order

Lars Crooks called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Approval of Minutes

January 2023 meeting minutes approved 1st Tim Luccaro, 2nd Lars Crooks, all in favor.

Announcements

None

Presentation

Nancy Allen-Stock from the 202 Property Committee presented to the Farm Committee an interest in a Farmer's Market. Another idea to add a passive display on the farms in Solebury Township at the property.

Old Business

I. Land & Zoning Use

a. Housing Ordinance

Hanna recommends that Lars creates a document to share with the Board of Supervisors with all the concerns of the Accessory Housing Ordinance and then the Farm Committee can review it at the next meeting in September. The committee gave some concerns of the ordinance such as what "seasonal" worker means, housing per acreage, etc.

The committee will give Lars their thoughts and suggestions on the ordinance by August 28th to present to the Board of Supervisors during their September 19, 2023, meeting.

b. Events/Agritourism/Agritainment

Will discuss at the November meeting

c. Zoning & Permits

Will discuss again at a future meeting

II. Administrative Business

a. Subcommittees

No updates

b. Ways to get more residents involved in the Farm Committee

Land Use will be a good gateway to get more residents involved

III. Agricultural Promotion Objectives

a. Website Updates

Jonathan and Kaitlin are working on a spreadsheet to put on the website that shows active farms and contacts in the township for public use. No updates on whether it has been updated recently.

b. Farmer-Land Match Program

no updates

New Business:

I. Comprehensive Plan Committee Member

Tim Luccaro volunteered to be on the committee as a representative of the Farm Committee. Committee will take vote at next meeting.

II. 2023 Objectives

- a. Housing/Zoning Ordinance– will discuss at the September meeting
- b. Argitainment/Agritourism/Events for farms – will discuss at the November meeting
- c. Website based items – will discuss at November meeting

Public Comment –

John DeAndrea recommends that the Farm Committee to look at the ordinance that was written by the solicitor and make any adjustments as they see fit.

Josh Perlsweig was on committee years ago, is excited that the supervisors are looking to help farmers with the housing for workers. This ordinance will be a huge benefit to the farming community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm. 1st by Tim Luccaro and 2nd Gary Manoff

Respectfully Submitted by:
Renee Scally