

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
November 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keller at 7:30 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Dale Davis
Rick Desiderio
Harvey Ort

Member with an excused absence:

Louise Davis
Kenneth Wightman

Others in attendance:

Peter Nitzsche

Staff in attendance:

Christine Marion
Ray Chang
W. Randall Bush, Esq.
Katherine Coyle

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Chairman Keller announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the Board approved the minutes of the September 12, 2013 special meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Ort, and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: D. Davis

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the Board approved the minutes of the September 12, 2013 regular meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Ort, and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: D. Davis

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the public

CLOSED SESSION

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member D. Davis, the Board closed the open portion of the meeting pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, and voted to conduct a Closed Session in order to discuss matters related to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property.

Chairman Keller announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Morris CADB closed the open portion of the meeting in order to discuss matters related to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property in Closed Session.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:06 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Meyer Farm, Boonton Township. On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the Board denied the farm owner's request for an extension to remedy the violation of the Deed of Easement. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, D. Davis, Desiderio, Ort, and Keller
Nay: None Abstain: None

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Annual PIG Application – municipal notification re: targeted list. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that as part of the annual SADC PIG Application process, she mailed to each municipality a list of properties targeted for farmland preservation. No comments were received.

Liaison to the Open Space Committee for 2014. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that member L. Davis' term would be expiring at the end of the year and that the Board needed to appoint a new liaison.

Legislative updates. Ms. Coyle reported on the status of pending legislation

RIGHT TO FARM

Resolution 2013-07: Ford Farm, Boonton Township. On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the Board approved the resolution. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Desiderio, Ort, and Keller
Nay: None Abstain: D. Davis

Landi Simone, Boonton Twp. Mr. Bush provided the status of the appeal.

Tranquility Farm, Chester Twp. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that she sent a letter to the SADC advising that the request for a SSAMP had been withdrawn.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

At this point, member Ort left the meeting room.

Resolution 2013-08: R. Smith Farm, Washington Township – Revised Final Approval. On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member D. Davis, the Board approved the resolution. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, D. Davis, Desiderio, and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

At this point, member Ort returned to the meeting room.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to review.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member D. Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Coyle
Director