

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
July 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Wightman at 8:00 p.m. Members present:

Dale Davis
Kathy Hammond
Harvey Ort
Kenneth Wightman

Members with an excused absence:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Rick Desiderio
Gregory Keller

Staff in attendance:

Christine Marion
W. Randall Bush, Esq.
Katherine Coyle

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Vice-Chairman Wightman announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting had 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 Davis, seconded by member Ort, the Board members approved the June 9, 2016 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Davis, Hammond, Ort and Wightman

Nay: None Abstain: None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

RIGHT TO FARM

Wallace Tree Farm, Washington Twp. – request for SSAMP. The Board greeted Mrs. and Ms. Wallace. Ms. Coyle presented to the Board a Staff Report summarizing the application history, RTF procedures, and staff review and comments.

Morris County Division of Planning and Preservation staff had developed a SSAMP checklist to assist the Morris CADB with their review of the application. The checklist was developed to address the Applicant's request for relief from the zoning ordinance regarding accessory buildings, front and side yard setbacks, standards for flag lots and standards for signs. It was approved by the Board on May 12, 2016 and provided to Ms. Wallace on May 16, 2016.

On June 5, 2016, Ms. Wallace submitted documentation in response to the checklist request. On June 6, 2016, Morris CADB staff was advised by the Morris County Soil Conservation District that the Applicant will not need to apply for a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Permit as the project falls below the District's threshold of regulation. On June 15, 2016, Ms. Wallace submitted additional documentation.

Staff reviewed the documentation submitted by Ms. Wallace to determine whether all checklist items were complete and whether any waivers were requested. Staff recommends that the application and checklist items be deemed complete and the waivers be granted and that the Board should hold a public hearing in accordance with the hearing procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.8.

On motion of member Davis, seconded by member Ort, the Board members deemed the SSAMP review checklist complete, granted the requested waivers and agreed to hold a Public Hearing. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Davis, Hammond, Ort and Wightman

Nay: None Abstain: None

At this point, Mrs. and Ms. Wallace left the meeting room.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, Vice-Chairman Wightman announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Morris CADB considered closing the open portion of the meeting in order to discuss matters related to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, and litigation in Closed Session. On motion of member Davis, seconded by member Ort, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Davis, Hammond, Ort and Wightman

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:36 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Bostrom, Randolph Twp. On motion of member Hammond, seconded by member Davis, the Board directed staff to send a letter to Mr. Bostrom per the Board's discussion during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Davis, Hammond, Ort and Wightman

Nay: None Abstain: None

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Legislative Updates. Legislative updates were shared with the Board via email prior to the meeting.

Monitoring. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that Monitoring Reports were submitted to SADC.

LITIGATION

There were no litigation matters to review.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2016-06: REVISED Final Approval: Konkus Farm, Chester Twp. On motion of member Davis, seconded by member Ort, the Board adopted Resolution 2016-06. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Davis, Hammond, Ort and Wightman

Nay: None Abstain: None

Resolution 2016-07: REVISED Preliminary Approval: Pultz Farm, Washington Twp. On motion of member Davis, seconded by member Ort, the Board adopted Resolution 2016-07. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Davis, Hammond, Ort and Wightman

Nay: None Abstain: None

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 Ort, seconded by member Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Coyle". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Katherine Coyle
Director