

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**30 Schuyler Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**August 11, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keller at 7:36 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers  
Dale Davis  
Harvey Ort  
Kenneth Wightman

Members with an excused absence:

Rick Desiderio  
Kathy Hammond

Also in Attendance:

Peter Nietzsche, RCE  
Jennifer Wallace (departed at 7:40 p.m.)  
John Wallace (departed at 7:40 p.m.)

Staff in attendance:

John Barbarula, Esq.  
Katherine Coyle

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**COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW**

Chairman Keller 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 Wightman, seconded by member Davis, the Board members approved the July 14, 2016 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Davis, Ort and Wightman

Nay: None Abstain: Ashley Myers and Keller

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

## **RIGHT TO FARM**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** *Wallace Tree Farm, Washington Twp. – request for SSAMP.* Ms. Coyle presented to the Board a Staff Report, which discussed the Public Hearing procedures and staff recommendations regarding the SSAMP. The report had been distributed to the Board and Ms. Wallace prior to the meeting.

Ms. Coyle stated that written notice of the application and the Public Hearing was provided by Ms. Wallace in compliance with N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.8(c). Mr. Barbarula reviewed the public notice and deemed it complete.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Staff Report.

No additional testimony was provided by Ms. or Mr. Wallace.

No public comments were submitted to the CADB prior to or during the Public Hearing.

On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member Davis, the Board approved Ms. Wallace's application for a SSAMP and directed staff to draft a resolution memorializing the Board's decision. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Davis, Ort, Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

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

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chairman Keller 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 Wightman, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Davis, Ort, Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

## **RETURN TO MEETING**

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:55 p.m.

## **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

No Actions were taken as a result of Closed Session.

## **REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY**

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to review.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

*Forte Farm, Chester Twp. – agricultural labor housing.* Ms. Coyle informed the Board the SADC had approved the Forte application for agricultural labor housing on the condition that for the next five years, the farm owner shall provide to the Morris CADB and the SADC (1) production records, (2) documentation of commissions received on horses leased or sold that have been trained onsite, and (3) a list of names of all residents of the agricultural labor units and their job functions.

### **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 Wightman, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle  
Director