

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
July 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:40 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Harvey Ort
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Rick Desiderio
Thomas Galfo
Gregory Keller

Also in Attendance:

Charles Rowe (departed at 8:22 p.m.)
Margaret Thomson

Staff in attendance:

W. Randall Bush, Esq.
Staci Santucci, Esq.
Katherine Coyle

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Chairman Davis 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 Ashley Myers, seconded by member Thomson, the Board members approved the May 10, 2018 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Ort, Thomson and Davis
Nay: None Abstain: None

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Thomson, the Board members approved the June 14, 2018 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Thomson and Davis
Nay: None Abstain: Ort

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Bush introduced Ms. Staci Santucci, who will be taking over Mr. Bush's responsibilities after his retirement. The Board members introduced themselves and welcomed Ms. Santucci.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Aye: Ashley Myers, Ort, Thomson & Davis
Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:35 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

At this point, members Thomson and Davis left the meeting room.

Forte Farm, Chester Township. On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the Board directed staff to send a letter to the landowner per the Board's discussion during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers and Ort
Nay: None Abstain: None
Absent: Members Thomson and Davis recused themselves and did not participate in the vote.

At this point, members Thomson and Davis returned to the meeting room.

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 members that monitoring of farms in the Central and North-East Regions was underway.

RIGHT TO FARM

Alstede Farms, Chester Township – Request for SSAMP.

Mr. Bush informed the Board that the Local Finance Board (LFB) had not yet responded to the CADB's request for review. Mr. Bush advised that the CADB should stay the review of the SSAMP until a response from the LFB has been received.

Alstede Farms, Chester Township – Complaint.

Mr. Bush informed the Board that the Local Finance Board (LFB) had not yet responded to the CADB's request for review. Mr. Bush advised that the CADB should stay the review of the complaint until a response from the LFB has been received.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to review.

NEW BUSINESS

Delli Santi Farm, Washington Township – renewal of Eight-Year Program. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that that the 8-Year Program for the Delli Santi Farm is set to expire in October. Ms. Coyle had informed the landowner about the upcoming expiration. The landowner advised that she wishes to renew the program. Ms. Coyle would draft the renewal notice and send it to the landowner and township for signature.

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 Ort, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle
Director