

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
August 9, 2018

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

Aimee Ashley Myers
Harvey Ort
Thomas Galfo
Gregory Keller
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Rick Desiderio

Also in Attendance:

Rebecca and Sarah Alstede
Deborah Post

Staff in attendance:

Christine Marion
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

The minute of the July 12, 2018 meeting were not available.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Deborah Post distributed documents to the Board members and addressed the Board regarding her application and appraisals including:

- comparables used to determine the after-market value;
- analysis of preserved farms that have been re-sold;
- Highlands Development Credits.

Ms. Post concluded her remarks at 7:46 p.m.

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, Galfo, Keller, Ort, Thomson & Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:26 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Picozzi Farm, Harding Township. On motion of member Keller, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board directed staff to work with the SADC to address the violation on the preserved farm. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers and Ort

Aye: Ashley Myers, Galfo, Keller, Ort, Thomson & Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

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

Aye: Ashley Myers and Ort

Aye: Ashley Myers, Galfo, Keller, Ort, Thomson & Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

Margaret Noon, Mt. Olive Township. On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board directed staff to work with the SADC to address the encroachment and violation on the preserved farm. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers and Ort

Aye: Ashley Myers, Galfo, Keller, Ort, Thomson & Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

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

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

Resolution 2018-04: Alstede Farms, Washington Township: Petition for Creation of an 8-Year Farmland Preservation Program. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that Mr. Kurt Alstede had submitted a petition to enroll his farm located in Washington Township into the 8-Year Program. Enrollment will make the farm eligible for state soils and water conservation cost-share funding. Ms. Rebecca Alstede, Mr. Alstede's daughter, introduced herself to the Board and explained they reason for submitting the petition.

On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Keller, the Board adopted Resolution 2018-04. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Galfo, Keller and Thomson

Nay: None Abstain: None

Absent: Members Ashley Myers , Ort and Davis recused themselves and did not participate in the vote.

Rebecca and Sarah Alstede departed.

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 Galfo, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Katherine Coyle
Director