

White Township, NJ Farmland Preservation and Open Space Committee and Agriculture Advisory Committee minutes for October 22, 2019

Present: Jason Menegus, Nevitt Duveneck, Bob Mackey, Dave Newhouse, Aaron Cela from land conservancy, Jaon Schneiber, Beth Kaper members of public interested in becoming board members

Meeting was called to order followed by flag salute. Aaron Cela, of the Land Conservancy of New Jersey was present to give an update on land preservation efforts. The Thompson farm has survey and title work underway. The Kimball Farm application is also underway. White Township has approximately \$700K in state matching PIG funding available, and \$574,000 in the township open space trust fund account. Landowner outreach was discussed. A motion was made by Bob Mackey and seconded by Dave Newhouse to do landowner outreach letters. The motion passed with all in favor.

Two township residents were interviewed for vacancies on the board. Joan Schneiber was interested in preserving more farms in the township. Beth Kaber works with the US Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services. The motion to recommend appointing Beth Kaber and Joan Schneiber passed with Nevitt Duveneck, Jason Menegus and Dave Newhouse voting for this with Bob Mackey abstaining. The committee would also like the township to advertise for a board secretary again.

Topic of PPL property warehouse discussion was brought up. The Township Planning Board has been discussing zoning changes. At a county land preservation meeting, topic was brought up that the county will help township with PPL property if they request it. Dave New house requested the township look into possibly purchasing and preserving the PPL property. Dave New house, Jason Menegus, and Nevitt Duveneck votes yes on this motion. Bob Mackey abstained. The 20 acre Parks property was discussed for possibly selling it but motion was table.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.