

January 18, 2007

The Tewksbury Township Agricultural Advisory Committee met at 5:35 pm on the above date at the Mountainville Meeting Hall 60 Water Street, Mountainville.

Members present were: Shaun C. Van Doren, chairman, J. Miller Craig and Theodore G. Koven. Member Larry Ross participated via telephone conference.

Member Terry McNamara was absent

Mr. Van Doren read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement indicating the meeting was noticed by the Township Clerk on December 29, 2006.

REORGANIZATION

Mr. Van Doren reviewed the terms of office for each member indicating the Committee was expanded to 5 members. New members Larry Ross and Terry McNamara were added; they each have 1 year terms. Miller Craig and Ted Koven have 3 year terms while Shaun Van Doren has a 2 year term.

Mr. Van Doren asked for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Koven nominated Mr. Van Doren to serve as Chairman. Mr. Craig seconded the motion. AYES: 4, NAYS: 0.

Mr. Van Doren asked that a Vice-Chair be selected. Mr. Craig nominated Mr. Koven as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Van Doren. AYES: 4, NAYS: 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

1. A memo dated December 11, 2006 from the SADC with a copy of proposed rule amendments to the various farmland preservation programs;
2. A memo dated December 19, 2006 from the NJDEP Bureau of Water Allocation regarding a notice of application of Melick's Town Farm to divert water from 4 existing and 2 proposed wells in Oldwick;
3. A memo dated January 5, 2007 from Susan Craft at the SADC re proposed meeting to review process review committee rule amendments;
4. The Winter 2007 edition of Farmland Preservation News;
5. Copy of language from the deed of easement from the County Restrictive Covenant agreement relating to the Young mowing issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Koven, seconded by Mr. Craig to enter executive session at 5:51 pm to discuss possible land (easement) acquisition. AYES: 4, NAYS: 0

A motion was made to exit executive session by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Koven at 6:01 pm. AYES: 4, NAYS: 0.

MINUTES

Mr. Koven made a motion to approve the regular session minutes of December 20, 2006 and the executive session minutes of December 20, 2006. Mr. Craig seconded the motion. AYES: 3, NAYS: 0, ABSTAIN: 1.

EASEMENT CLOSINGS

Mr. Van Doren noted that several of the Emmet parcels will be closing on January 19 and 22 preserving over 125 acres of farmland.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.


Shaun C. Van Doren