

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Chester Township Municipal Building
1 Parker Road, Chester, NJ
June 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roehrich at 7:45 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Dale Davis
Gregory Keller
Harvey Ort
Jay Thomson
Kenneth Wightman

Also in attendance:

Bryan Lofberg, SADC staff
George Koenig (departed 8:00 p.m.)
Pamela Gau Grodman (departed 8:25 p.m.)
Dan Farrand (departed 8:10 p.m.)

Staff in attendance:

Jennifer McCulloch
W. Randall Bush, Esq.

SPECIAL NOTE

Due to a disconnected speaker cable, there was no electronic recording of this meeting. Minutes of the meeting were compiled from the hand-written notes drafted by Ms. Jennifer McCulloch, who attended the meeting.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Chairman Roehrich announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has 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 Keller, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the board approved the minutes of the **April 2, 2009 regular meeting**. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member Davis, the board approved the minutes of the **May 14, 2009 regular meeting**. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Davis, Keller, Ort, Thomson, Wightman and Roehrich

Nay: None Abstain: Ashley Myers

OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. George Koenig of Mendham spoke of his experiences as a neighbor of the Backer Farm and viewpoint on Mendham Township's ordinance regulating the intensity of farm uses.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member Keller, the board closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session at 8:04 p.m.

RETURN TO MEETING

Actions resulting from Closed Session were addressed during New Business.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR

"Top 5". Ms. McCulloch directed the board members to the top five project activities for the months of May/June:

1. Applications: Lare, Farrand (two)
2. Monitoring: Northeast Region - complete
3. Stewardship: Andrews & Hildebrant site visits
4. Appraisal work to commence on 9 farms
5. Upcoming closings: Fairmount

SI538/A1282 – Letter from Senator Tom Kean – in a letter dated May 15th Sen. Kean recounted the progress of this bill through the legislature; he will keep our recommendations in mind.

RIGHT TO FARM

There were no Right To Farm issues to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

On motion of member Keller, seconded by member Wightman, the board returned to open session at 9:17 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Friedmann – 8 Year Program – Notice of Termination – approval. On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Wightman, the board unanimously authorized the Notice of Termination on the Friedmann Farm.

Resolution 2009-18 – Preliminary Approval, Lare, Chester and Mendham Twps. On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the board adopted Resolution 2009-18. A roll call vote was taken.

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

At this point, members Ashley Myers and Ort left the meeting room.

Resolution 2009-19 – Preliminary Approval, Farrand – Lots 69.02 & 70.02, Washington Twp. On motion of member Davis, seconded by member Wightman, the board adopted Resolution 2009-19. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Davis, Keller, Thomson, Wightman and Roehrich
Nay: None Abstain: None

Resolution 2009-20 – Preliminary Approval, Farrand – Lot 68, Washington Twp. On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member Davis, the board adopted Resolution 2009-20. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Davis, Keller, Thomson, Wightman and Roehrich
Nay: None Abstain: None

At this point, members Ashley Myer and Ort returned to the meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Keller, the board adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer McCulloch
Program Specialist