

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
October 14, 2010

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

Aimee Ashley Myers
Dale Davis
Louise Davis
Ricci Desiderio
Harvey Ort
Kenneth Wightman

Also in attendance:

Bryan Lofberg, SADC
Peter Nitzsche, Morris County Rutgers Cooperative Extension
William Roehrich, Washington Township Liaison
John J. Coyle (departed at 8:25 p.m.)
John Paschal (departed at 8:25 p.m.)
Sandra Seibert (departed at 8:25 p.m.)
Armin Wagner (departed at 8:04 p.m.)

Staff in attendance:

Frank Pinto
W. Randall Bush, Esq.
Katherine Coyle
Jennifer McCulloch

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Chairman Keller 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

The minutes of the August 12, 2010 meetings were not available.

OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

At this point, member Ort left the meeting room.
Mr. Armin Wagner, owner of a preserved farm in Washington Township, addressed the board regarding his desire to divide his farm and to sell a portion of the farm to Mr. Vivian. Mr.

Vivian owns a neighboring farm, which he purchased from Mr. Wagner several years ago. The board and staff informed Mr. Wagner of the criteria, which must be met before the board can approve a request to divide a preserved farm.

At this point, Mr. Wagner left the meeting.

At this point, member Ort returned to the meeting room

CLOSED SESSION #1

On motion of member Davis, seconded by member Wightman, the board closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:57 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

No actions were taken.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Annual SADC PIG Application. Ms. McCulloch informed the board that the 90 day municipal notification has been completed.

Post (Chester Twp). Ms. McCulloch informed the board that Ms. Post will be making a presentation to the SADC regarding the Certified Market Value (CMV) for her farm at the SADC's December 9th meeting.

Charters Auction (Mt. Olive Twp). Staff informed the board that the auction has been rescheduled.

Scheller (Washington Twp). Ms. McCulloch provided information regarding a recent court order involving the status of the farm and stated that the farm may once again have the potential to become a preservation project.

Call to Service Summit. Mr. Pinto informed the board regarding the event, which will take place on October 20, 2010, at 7 p.m. at the Public Safety Training Academy.

North Jersey RC & D. Ms. McCulloch informed the board that the RC&D has distributed surveys to the stakeholders.

RIGHT TO FARM

Draft AMP – Solar Energy Generation on Farms. Ms. Coyle informed that board that the SADC developed a new rule regarding Solar Energy projects on farmland. Ms. Coyle discussed the

details of the draft and stated that the SADC is planning on finalizing the draft and publishing it in the NJ Register in early 2011. At that point, formal comments may be submitted. The SADC is also accepting comments regarding the draft document.

CLOSED SESSION #2

On motion of member Davis, seconded by member Wightman, the board closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 9:45 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

No actions were taken.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Smith/Searles – Condemnation in the ADA. Staff informed the board that the SADC adopted their Final Report and Recommendations regarding the Smith/Searles condemnation matters. The board reviewed the report. Staff further informed the board that a condemnation hearing took place on October 1st. Ms. McCulloch provided a summary of the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Wightman, seconded by member L. Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Coyle
Director