

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
September 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:38 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)
Kathy Hammond
Gregory Keller
Harvey Ort
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Rick Desiderio

Staff in attendance:

Deena Leary
Christine Marion
W. Randall Bush, 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

On motion of member Hammond, seconded by member Thomson, the Board members approved the August 10, 2017 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Hammond, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: Keller & Ort

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

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 Hammond, the Board voted to conduct a Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Hammond, Keller, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:58 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Barbara Hertz, Lincoln Park. On motion of member Thomson, seconded by member Ashley Myers, the Board directed staff to send a letter to the landowner per the Board's discussion during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Hammond, Keller, Ort, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: Ort

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

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

RIGHT TO FARM

At this point, members Ashley Myers, Davis, Ort and Thomson left the meeting room. Secretary Keller served as a temporary Chairman from this point forward.

Resolution 2017-08: Lotta Lettuce, Montville Twp. On motion of member Keller, seconded by member Hammond, the Board adopted Resolution 2017-08. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Keller and Hammond

Nay: None Abstain: None

Members Ashley Myers, Ort and Thomson recused themselves and did not participate in the vote.

At this point, members Ashley Myers, Davis, Ort and Thomson returned to the meeting room. Chairman Davis served as Chairman from this point forward.

SADC RTF Outreach Efforts. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that the SADC is seeking feedback regarding the future focus of the RTF program. The CADB discussed the matter and agreed that the following audiences could benefit from outreach:

1. League of Municipalities
2. Zoning Administrators
3. Building Officials
4. NJ Planning Officials

The Board agreed that a PowerPoint presentation with real world examples could be presented during outreach meetings. Staff was directed to share the Board's feedback with the SADC.

Draft SADC Policy – RTF Hearings. Ms. Coyle shared with the Board the SADC's response to CADB's comments regarding draft policy entitled "Conflict Resolution Public Hearing Guidelines for CADB's". Mr. Bush discussed the response and informed the Board that the SADC would defer to the CADBs whether certifications should be required in Right to Farm proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Rowe Farm – renewal of Eight-Year Program. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that the program had been renewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2017-09: Young 2 Farm, Chester Twp. On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Keller, the Board adopted Resolution 2017-09. A roll call vote was taken.
Aye: Ashley Myers, Hammond, Keller, Ort, Thomson and Davis
Nay: None Abstain: None

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 Keller, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle
Director