

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
August 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:36 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Kathy Hammond
Harvey Ort (arrived at 7:50 p.m.)
Jay Thomson

Members with an excused absence:

Rick Desiderio
Gregory Keller

Staff in attendance:

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 Ashley Myers, seconded by member Hammond, the Board members approved the June 8, 2017 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Hammond, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Hammond, the Board members approved the July 13, 2017 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Hammond, Thomson

Nay: None Abstain: Davis

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, Thomson and Davis

Nay: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:50 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Olsen Farm, Chester Township. On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Hammond, the Board agreed to make an offer to the landowners per the Board's discussion during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Hammond, 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

Resolution 2017-06: The Boxwood Farm, Washington Twp. On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Hammond, the Board adopted Resolution 2017-06. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Hammond, Ort and Thomson

Nay: None Abstain: Davis

Resolution 2017-07: William Lawson, Harding Twp. On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Hammond, the Board adopted Resolution 2017-07. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Hammond, Ort and Thomson

Nay: None Abstain: Davis

Resolution 2017-08: Lotta Lettuce, Montville Twp. Due to a lack of eligible voting members, the resolution was tabled until a subsequent meeting.

Draft SADC Policy – RTF Hearings. Ms. Coyle informed the Board regarding SADC’s draft policy entitled “Conflict Resolution Public Hearing Guidelines for CADB’s”. The CADB reviewed the draft policy regarding the requirements for legal representation of parties during RTF hearings. On motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Hammond, the Board directed staff to submit the following comments to the SADC:

1. The policy should define “small number of individuals” and “small number of members” as referenced in paragraph 2(b).
2. The party should be required to provide a certification attesting to the fact that the information provided, as required in paragraphs 2(a) and 2(b) is true.

A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, Hammond, Ort and Davis

Nay: Thomson Abstain: None

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Rowe Farm – renewal of Eight-Year Program. Ms. Coyle provided the status of the renewal.

At this point, Chairman Davis left the meeting room.

Loewensteiner Farm, Chester Borough. Ms. Coyle shared with the Board a letter that was sent to the Board of Health regarding the construction of a septic system within five feet of the preserved farm.

At this point, Chairman Davis returned to the meeting room.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to review.

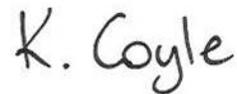
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Hammond, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Coyle, Director