

Solebury Farm Committee
September 24, 2024
Hybrid Meeting

Minutes

In attendance: Graham Phillips, Gary Manoff, Lowie Comly, Kaitlin Farbotnik, Josh Perlsweig, Buz Teacher, Tim Luccaro, Hanna Howe (Supervisor Liaison), Terry Clemons (Solicitor) & Renee Scally (Administrator)

Absent: Lars Crooks

I. Call to order

Graham Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

II. Approval of Minutes

Kaitlin Farbotnik made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Gary Manoff, all in favor.

III. Announcements

None

IV. Q&A with Michael Farbotnik regarding Sewage Facilities for Farm Worker's Housing

Sewage facilities are based on the number of bathrooms. There are alternative methods, such as compost and incinerating toilets, the problem is getting rid of the gray matter. If want temporary or dorm type housing, there are specific rules. Mike recommends to keep things simple, for each additional worker housing, to install their own septic system apart from the main building. If land is preserved, septic system needs to be in the building envelope.

V. Land & Zoning Use

a. Farm Workers Housing Ordinance – part 1 (Residential Accessory Dwelling)

Discussions between members on the number of dwellings per acres for farmers. 7 acres – 1dwelling, 8+ acres – 2 dwellings. Farm Owner/Farm Manager must reside on property.

VI. Administrative Business

a. Updates from Planning Commission meeting – Agricultural Ordinance Accessory Uses

The BOS meeting was very positive and it will now be turned over to the Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission (BCPC). The BCPC will send report to the BOS with any recommendations/comments.

Upon a motion by Josh Perlsweig, seconded by Tim Luccaro, it was (unanimously) agreed to continually support the ordinance as originally advertised.

b. Sustainability Sub-Committee Updates

No updates

c. Comprehensive Plan Committee – updates

Public Community Forum will be meeting on September 25, 2024 at New Hope Eagle Fire Company at 7pm

Committee Member Comment

None

Public Comment

Resident who lives in the Village of Cartersville has had your farm property surveyed twice and her neighbors keep taking down the markings and has dumped trash and has even taken down trees on her property. She did not report this to the police. They want to put a sewer pipe through her property and she does not want this. It was advised for her to contact the Zoning Officer and also the Township Manager.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm by Tim Luccaro, 2nd by Josh Perlsweig

Respectfully Submitted,
Renee Scally