

Solebury Farm Committee
February 25, 2024
Hybrid Meeting

Minutes

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

Via Zoom: Marissa Cloutier

Absent: Lars Crooks

I. Call to order

Graham Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

II. Approval of Minutes

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

III. Reorganization of Committee

- Kaitlin Farbotnik made a motion to elect Josh Perlsweig as Chair, 2nd by Graham Phillips. All in favor.
- Kaitlin Farbotnik made a motion to elect Lowie Comly as Vice-Chair, 2nd by Graham Phillips. All in favor.

IV. Announcements

Phil Johnson from the Land Preservation Committee reached out to Renee about getting farmers on the Preserved land in the township. The committee will look into this.

V. Administrative Business

a. Comprehensive Plan Update

Tim Luccaro requests to move this up on the agenda. All in favor.

Comprehensive Plan committee is now in the 2nd phase. The Farm Committee will be presenting to the Comprehensive Plan committee with ideas of the challenges an active farmer has in the township. Suggests bringing in external parties, such as Delaware Valley University Extension office and a local livestock veterinarian. Gary suggests having a subcommittee. Josh Perlsweig, Tim Luccaro & Marissa Cloutier are on the subcommittee and suggest if any member has ideas to email the subcommittee.

VI. Agricultural Ordinance Accessory Uses – update

Discussion and review of the redline version given to the Farm Committee by the township solicitor.

Upon a motion by Graham Phillips, seconded by Kaitlin Farbotnik, it was unanimously agreed to move forward with the redline draft with the changes made by the Farm Committee to be advertised and to send to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

VII. Farm Workers Housing Ordinance, part 1 (Residential Accessory Dwelling)

Tabled until next meeting

VIII. Administrative Business

a. Sustainability Sub-Committee – no updates

IX. Forum for Farmers/Landowners

Tabled until next meeting

X. Committee Member Comment

none

XI. Public Comment

Stephen Phillips thanks the Farm Committee, Hanna Howe and Terry Clemons for all the work they have done to get this ordinance adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm by Kaitlin Farbotnik, 2nd by Graham Phillips.

Respectfully Submitted,
Renee Scally