

Ag Advisory Committee Minutes for January 5 2012

Meeting commenced at 7:35 pm with Chester Urbanski, Bill Kiriluk, Greg Sappington, Betty Jane Hunt and Dave Miller present.

First order of business was the election of chairman and secretary with Chester Urbanski and Dave Miller remaining unchanged.

Minutes from the December 15, 2011 meeting were approved with no changes.

Betty Jane requested that the meeting time be changed to 7:00 pm for the winter season with all in agreement. Also it was agreed that if the previous meetings minutes weren't available no meeting would be held until such time as the minutes were made available.

The committee then reviewed again minutes from 2010 and 2011 for submittal to the Township committee for approval for posting on the Township website.

We then discussed the new development by Heritage on Route 179 and the impact it would have on drainage into the Class 1 tributary of the Alexauken Creek. Dave expressed concern with the detention pond design and requested to see if the committee could obtain a copy of the plans to review said detention pond.

Also brought to the member's attention by Greg was the requirement of a permit to install an outdoor back up generator. Chester said he would inquire into this if only to satisfy the committee's curiosity.

The next order of business was brought up by Betty Jane who has several ideas to increase interest in promoting agriculture in the Township.

- 1) Betty Jane expressed an interest in developing a list of 10-15 farms in the Township who produce items they sell to the public and converting this list into a pamphlet that could be displayed at local businesses. This pamphlet would hopefully attract the attention of tourists and local residents that may be unaware of the products available for purchase from the listed farms. We decided to prepare a letter to send to these farms asking if they would be interested in being included on this list
- 2) Betty Jane also asked if it would be possible to have a Township Garden contest where interested residents could enter their gardens in a contest to be judged by other local residents and perhaps feature the winner on the Township website.
- 3) Also the committee discussed the possibility of publishing a booklet of Betty Jane's articles that were published in the local paper featuring

certain farms in the Township. If the cost is feasible and the committee can find funding we think this would sell well to residents and non residents alike.

- 4) It also seems that the Township will hold the Ag dinner again due to the success of last years dinner,

The final order of business was the decision by the committee to hold their meetings on the first Thursday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm with the next meeting scheduled for February 2, 2012

Minutes prepared by Dave Miller.