

Ag Advisory Committee Minutes for July 5, 2012

Meeting commenced at 7:35 pm with Chester Urbanski, Betty Jane Hunt, Greg Sappington, Bill Kirluik and Dave Miller present. Township liaison Tom Molnar was absent.

Minutes from the June 7, 2012 meeting were approved with no changes.

The Committee discussed the current Farming and Maintenance Agreement in effect for the Township Land being farmed around the Municipal Building. Current Agreement runs from May 8, 2008 until May 7, 2013. The AAC discussed the possibility of terminating the present Agreement and possibly getting another farmer to farm the property more productively and if possible generate additional income or services for the Township. The AAC discussed whether the land should be advertised on the Township website.

It was brought to the Committee's attention by Betty Jane Hunt that a solar array is planned for the 35 acre field behind the municipal building. We need to find out if this is going to happen as it will affect the desirability of farming the Township Land.

A letter is to be sent to the Township Committee recommending termination of the present Farming and Maintenance Agreement as well as asking for guidance regarding the proposed solar project on the 35 acre parcel.

The Garden Contest will be judged on Saturday, August 4th. John Pehiny has agreed to be the judge for the contest. We have the gift certificate prizes and will have the final list of entries and an itinerary of the judging route at our next meeting.

The Farm products for sale pamphlets are available on the Township website. Betty Jane refilled all of the locations she is responsible for. The other members will also check the other locations and refill the pamphlets as needed.

A Beacon press release for the pamphlets was presented.

Recipes prepared by Greg Sappington will be submitted to the Beacon by Betty Jane next week and will continue in future editions.

The 4- H Fair on August 22-26 was discussed with the AAC wondering if there was anything we could do to help out. Betty Jane said volunteers are always needed to man the amusement ticket booths. The members can call Anna at the 4- H Office at 908-788-1341 to volunteer. We decided not to have a booth in the Community Services tent as the time needed to man the booth would be too much.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2012.
Minutes prepared by Dave Miller.