

### **Ag Advisory Committee Minutes for May 10, 2010**

Meeting commenced at 7:45 pm with Chester Urbanski, Bill Kiriluk and Dave Miller were present. Greg Sappington and Gary Bleacher were absent.

Minutes from the previous meeting of February 9, 2010 were reviewed and approved with no changes.

The committee discussed the importance of preserving farmland in West Amwell. We also discussed the Township Committee's plans to possibly do away with farmland preservation or to reduce or eliminate the Open Space Tax which helps to preserve our farmland. Their reasoning is that all of the prime farmland has been preserved.

As members of the Township Agricultural Advisory Committee we decided to send the following letter to the Township Committee expressing our whole hearted support for preserving farmland both now and in the future:

“The West Amwell Township Agricultural Advisory Committee feels that preserving farmland is both good for the farmer, good for farmland and good for the Township. We urge the Township Committee to continue all efforts to preserve valuable farmland and we are categorically opposed to any efforts, means or ways that would diminish this Township's ability to preserve our valuable and irreplaceable farmland”.

The committee discussed the request from the SADC that they want a letter stating that all buildings on the Coleman farm which was recently preserved by the township have been razed as per prior agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes prepared by Dave Miller.