

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2016

Attendance:

Present: Chester Urbanski, Betty Jane Hunt, Heidi Tomenchok, Greg Sappington.

Excused –Bill Kiriluk, John Dale.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

Business:

Reorganization: Chairman Chester Urbanski was re-elected Chairman and acting secretaries were designated.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of December 3, 2015 were approved.

Bill Kiriluk and Heidi Tomenchok were reappointed to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 3 year terms each.

Issues with the cell tower on the Holcombe property exception area have been resolved.

No updates on the Fulper property.

Lambert property closed and preserved on 12-23-15.

Discussed recent success of the FFA Farm to Table Breakfast, and AAC Letter to the SHRHS FFA and alumni. Approximately 360 People were served at the event. The AAC would like to support the FFA, and hope next year will be even better. Thanks to all the residents who donated food and items to make the breakfast a success.

Letters to the FFA and Fulper Farms

Sent on 12/06/15, as per our 12/3/15 meeting discussion.

Dear Tiffany,

Congratulations on the reported success of your recent Farm to Table Breakfast.

As the Township's Agricultural Advisory Committee, we are certainly supportive of endeavors like this that feature our delicious local produce and products.

Best wishes in your future projects. Please don't hesitate to contact us for anything that we can do to support your agricultural programs.

Please share this email with members of the SHRHS FFA and alumni.

Very best regards,

The West Amwell Township Agricultural Advisory Committee

Dear Rob and Fulper Family Farms,

The West Amwell Agricultural Advisory Committee would like to congratulate Fulper Family Farms on receiving the \$250,000 federal grant to expand and market your line of dairy products and to develop and expand your farm store.

The Farms' summer farming camp, agritourism, and your locally produced cheese and yogurt add tremendous value to sustaining our farming community. Your activities are very much in line with the recommendations of the 2010 Farmland Preservation Plan, which encourages the marketing of "value added" products (your yogurt and cheese), promotion of local farmers markets (Dvoor Market, plus many others), and agritourism (your camps, demonstrations, etc.).

We congratulate you again and wish you the best in your future endeavors.

The members of the West Amwell Township Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Acting Secretaries

March – Heidi

April – Betty Jane

May - Chester

Meeting was adjourned at 7: 40PM with the next meeting scheduled for March 3, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Sappington, Acting Secretary

