

THE MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MONMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD



Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the MONMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 7:30 PM

Planning Board Conference Room, Hall of Records Annex, 2nd Floor
One East Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey

Chairman McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Buscaglia, Butch, Clayton, DeFelice, Geran, McCarthy, Sciarappa, Potter, Stuart
Staff: Brockwell, Honigfeld, May
Representatives: Jacoby (Colts Neck), Costigan (Howell)
Public: Ronald Springer, Robert & Lori Peppard, Hope Gruzlovic, Dee Lee

Mr. McCarthy opened the meeting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. DeFelic offered a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the September 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Geran and approved by voice vote. Mr. Buscaglia abstained from the vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

No discussion

REGULAR REPORTS:

- A. Chairman: No report.
- B. State: Ms. Gruzlovic had not report
- C. Staff: Ms. Honigfeld and Ms. Brockwell had no report
- D. Rutgers Cooperative Extension: Mr. Sciarappa had no report
- E. Municipal Representatives: no reports

NEW BUSINESS:

Deed Interpretation Request (Block 151, Lot 18 Howell) – Ms. Honigfeld provided an overview of the issue and introduced various materials provided to the Board for review. Mr. Peppard, the contract purchaser of the farm currently owned by Ms. Dee Lee, made a presentation and offered a site plan and various details about the proposed use. The board had several questions pertaining to agriculture production, the proposed laser tag in the wooded area of the farm, existence of a Woodland Management Plan, potential damage to the woodlands, the



intensity of the proposed use, parking areas, and bathrooms. The applicant provided responses to all questions. A draft resolution was distributed for review. A motion was made to accept the resolution. After some discussion a motion was made to amend and second the resolution with changes. A discussion was held on a Woodland Management Plan since no plan is currently in place. The importance of maintaining the health of the woodlands was stressed to the applicant and integrated into the amended resolution.

The resolution was approved by roll call vote.

Right to Farm:

Bear Creek Herbarium SSAMP Hearing (Howell): Ms. Brockwell provided information to the board regarding the circumstances with which the issue was brought to the MCADB after initially participating in the State Ag Mediation Program with Howell Township. After a presentation regarding the site visit, Mr. Springer provided additional information regarding his operation and concerns that have been raised about the farm stand by Howell Township Office of Land Use. The board asked questions related to the food & gift items sold on the site. Mr. Springer provided more information about the breakdown of gift items in comparison to the agriculture production on the property. Board members that were present at the site visit also provided additional information regarding the on-site vs. off-site production observed during the visit. A draft resolution was distributed for discussion.

A motion was made to approve the resolution with editorial edits. The motion was seconded and approved by roll call vote.

Status Reports: Staff updated the Board on the receipt of a Request for SSAMP determination in Colts Neck Township that may be heard at the December meeting.

Public Comment:

Howell: Mr. Costigan provided an update on the current project application that the town is preparing to submit through the Municipal PIG Program. He also requested to participate in future RTF site visits in Howell.

Colts Neck: Mr. Jacoby explained that Colts Neck is considering the diversion of Open Space funds to be used for township maintenance. He requested any assistance that the MCADB could provide in stopping the initiative from moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Potter made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Geran seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.