

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, April 4, 2012, 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 7:33 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Buscaglia, Butch, Clayton, DeFelice, Geran, Giambrone, McCarthy, Stuart
Staff: Beekman, Brockwell, Honigfeld
Representatives: Jacoby (Colts Neck), Costigan (Howell), Holland (Manalapan)
Public: Monica & Rick LaRue, Joseph Van Den Bogart, Joan Harper, Jean & Jim Sorrells, Vincent Manning, Valerie Herenchak, Wanda Holland, Granville M. Magee, Ron Gafgen, Hope Gruzlovic, Lori Moreno, Theodore DeMaria, Virginia Barrett

MINUTES:

Mr. Geran offered a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the March 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Buscaglia and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Giambrone offered a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of the March 2012 meeting. A motion was seconded by Mr. Clayton with a correction of the omission of Mr. Buscaglia from the attendees list.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

None

REGULAR REPORTS:

- A. Chairman: No report.
- B. State: None
- C. Staff: Ms. Honigfeld updated the board on the staff follow-up conducted on the recreational activities witnessed on the Reid Sod Farm, an SADC easement that is being handled directly by the State.
- D. Rutgers Cooperative Extension: Not present
- E. Municipal Representatives: No reports

RIGHT TO FARM ISSUES:

- **Request for a Site Specific Agriculture Management Practice Determination (LaRue Property, Upper Freehold):** Mrs. Brockwell provided an overview of the application with photos and aerial photography of the property. The applicant, Mrs. Monica LaRue, was sworn in



by counsel and provided a presentation of the activities on the property. Mrs. LaRue took questions from the board and provided responses.

Mr. Theodore DeMaria, a neighboring landowner, was sworn in by counsel and proceeded to address the board regarding affects to his property as a result of the activities on the LaRue property. He provided photos and a letter from Mr. Robert Nelson (the individual that previously owned the LaRue property) that was accepted into evidence by counsel. The board responded to his account with questions.

Vincent Manning, esq., attorney on behalf of Mr. DeMaria, addressed the board and questioned Mrs. LaRue & her attorney, Virginia Barrett esq. Ms. Barrett & Mrs. LaRue responded to Mr. Manning's questions.

The Upper Freehold Township attorney, Granville M. Magee esq., addressed the board on behalf of a driveway setback violation issued by municipal code enforcement. The LaRue's requested the violation be considered as part of the SSAMP review by the board. Mr. Magee & Mr. Gafgen, Upper Freehold Code Enforcement Officer, gave an overview of the situation to the board and responded to the board's questions.

Ms. Valeria Herenchak was sworn in by counsel and provided an account of damage to her neighboring preserved farm as a result of alleged activities carried out by the LaRue's. She provided pictures that were accepted into evidence and passed around for review by the board.

The Board requested additional clarification regarding several of the activities discussed by neighboring landowner's and the income eligibility information provided. Due to the additional evidence and amount of testimony from neighboring landowners, the board discussed carrying the hearing to the next meeting. Mr. DeFelice made a motion to carry the hearing and Mr. Stuart seconded the motion. Another site visit will be scheduled to allow additional board members the opportunity to view the farm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.