

**Readington Township
Agricultural Land Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2024**

OPEN MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunn at 7:00 p.m. stating that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting had been duly advertised.

Members in Attendance

Ryan Dunn - Chair
Clay Mason
Kevin Dunn
Jon Kowal
Julie Allen

Public/Other

Jergen Huelsebusch
Lisa Routel

Members Absent

None.

Minutes

It was moved and seconded, to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2024, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Review Project Summary List

The Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) list was reviewed, since edits regarding farm preservation status or any other farm owner information is required to report back to Amanda from the office by December 15, 2024.

Old Business

The results from our mailing effort to farms in Readington of 20+ acres were reported: 4 responses – 1 asked not to be contacted at this time and 3 farms expressed interest in learning more about Farmland Preservation. These farms have all been contacted by a member of the Committee and discussions are ongoing.

New Business

The Township Facebook page was discussed as an opportunity to showcase preserved farm stories or best practices that could benefit Readington farmers, and the Committee was encouraged to submit ideas for posts.

Outreach efforts were discussed by the Committee as follows: (i) the “Farm Fest” idea submitted by the public was discussed conceptually but would need a volunteer to really scope the project and drive execution. The committee suggests instead of a “Farm Fest” perhaps we tie into other existing community events with a booth or Agriculture Committee information to share, (ii) communicating with farms during times when they are in the municipal building for various business reasons is an opportunity to create a poster or have other Farmland Preservation communications, and (iii) other ideas for opportunities to engage and strengthen the community of farms in Readington were encouraged for the Committee to bring forward.

Public Comment

Lisa Routel attended the meeting and shared her recent volunteer experience with the Kestrel program. She was pleased to learn more about agriculture in Readington by listening in on the

Adjournment

It was the consensus of the commission members to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Dunn

Chair of Readington Township Agriculture Land Advisory Committee