

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
100 Municipal Building Road
Duncannon, PA 17020-1100

Henry A. Holman, Jr., Chairman

Brian Maguire, Vice-Chairman

Brian K. Peters, Supervisor

Minutes of April 28, 2014, Ag Security Hearing

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors (PTS) met on Monday, April 28, 2014, at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Building. Chairman Henry Holman, Jr., Vice-Chairman Brian Maguire, and Supervisor Brian Peters were in attendance. Other personnel present were Helen Klinepeter (Secretary), and Elizabeth Goodhart (Treasurer/Recording Secretary). Chairman Holman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. He announced that the meeting was being recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes. A list of visitors is on file in the Township office.

Chairman Holman opened the hearing. He asked Secretary Klinepeter if this hearing was properly advertised and if she had a copy of the advertisement. He also asked if the Agricultural Security Area was posted in the proper areas. Secretary Klinepeter answered in the affirmative to both questions.

Chairman Holman stated he would swear in anyone who wanted to speak during this hearing. Steven Watts was sworn in by the court stenographer at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE TO ADMIT INTO EVIDENCE

1. Letter dated April 11 from Agricultural Security Committee recommending the addition of the Lee Wright property to the 2014 Agricultural Security Area. The letter also recommended acceptance of the 2014 Agricultural Security Area Update.
2. Letter dated March 18 from the Penn Township Planning Commission (PTPC) recommending approval of the 2014 Agricultural Security Area Update.
3. Letter dated April 25 from the PTPC recommending the addition of the Lee Wright, Jeff Holman and Karen Potteiger properties to the 2014 Agricultural Security Area Update.
4. Letter dated April 16 from the Perry County Planning Commission recommending the PTS pass the modifications to add the three properties into the Agricultural Security Area.
5. Application from Mr. Brent Fox requesting that his property be added to the Agricultural Security Area.
6. Spreadsheet listing all participants included in the Agricultural Security Area, including the four additions.

Chairman Holman stated that he has received numerous inquiries from residents who do not understand the purpose of the Agricultural Security Area. He took a few minutes to explain the purpose and dispel rumors that he had heard. He referenced two handouts which were available for all attendees. Chairman Holman stated that members of the Agricultural Security Area were not losing any rights by being a member.

Cliff Lindgren

Mr. Lindgren asked whether the PTS must approve the Agricultural Security Area every seven years. Chairman Holman stated it must be renewed every seven years at which time members

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have the opportunity to terminate their participation. Chairman Holman stated that the renewal process every seven years is simply to allow members the opportunity to be removed from the Area and is not for the PTS to choose to continue/discontinue this program.

Secretary Klinepeter stated that the resolution must be adopted at the next PTS meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2014. The resolution will reference the spreadsheet listed as #6 in Correspondence above which includes all four applicants. Secretary Klinepeter stated the Area will increase by 500 acres with the addition of the four applicants.

Chairman Holman stated that the requirements of the hearing were met.

The hearing was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Goodhart
Treasurer/Recording Secretary