

Pittsgrove Township Agriculture Advisory Committee Agenda for the Meeting of October 8, 2008

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Give pledge to the flag.
3. Give Open Public Meetings Act Statement
 - Adequate notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act was given by:
 - a. Forwarding notice thereof to Today's Sunbeam and the Daily Journal,
 - b. Posting notice thereof on the community events bulletin board at the Pittsgrove Township Municipal Building, and
 - c. Filing notice thereof in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.(All of which were done at least 48 hours before the meeting.
4. Attendance
5. Approval of minutes of the February 6 and April 9, and June 11, 2008 meetings
6. Old Business

Status of current preservation efforts on farms targeted by the 2004 PIG:

Tamagni Farm (113 Acres) – Closing held on Tuesday, 2-12-08

Kibort Farm (130 Acres) – Appraisal completed by new appraiser and forwarded to SADC on 9-05-08. In review process; hope to have certified deed of easement value by 11-6-08.

Petronglo Farm (113 Acres) – Awaiting decision by owner

Status of new Farmland Preservation Plan and Application

The plan had been updated in May with comments from the County, the Township Planning Consultant, and the Agriculture Advisory Committee.

Comments originally due in February 2008 were received from SADC on 8-18-08. DVRPC is currently reworking the plan. There will be a public hearing by the Planning Board after SADC's comments have been addressed.

Awaiting approval of the grant applied for by the Jewish Federation of Cumberland County to create an Alliance Heritage Center in the Norma area, which will be looking to preserve some of the original farmsteads of the early Jewish settlers.

7. New Business
 - Consider hiring appraisers for farms under the new Preservation Plan (David Sadegian, Lila Mae Crystal Sara, Edith Camp, Norman Lenchitz, Tina Mesiano and Ellen Walters, and Barbara Simmerman).
8. Meetings/Training
9. Member Comments
10. Public Comments
11. Adjournment