



# Township of Pittsgrove

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Agriculture Advisory Committee

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Regular Meeting  
Teleconference Minutes  
November 17, 2021

1. Meeting called to order by Chair, Deb Wegner, at 7:32p.m.
2. Flag Salute
3. Open Public Meeting Statement: in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the date of this meeting was duly advertised by a notice published in The Daily Journal, South Jersey or Elmer Times. Change of format notice transmitted to the Elmer Times and posted on the Township website.
4. Attendance: Deb & Herb Wegner, Norm Lenchitz, Eric Harz, Sean Collins, Sally Birdsall, Steve Bruder, Katie Mazzella, Eileen O'Hara and 2 members of the public.
5. Approval of the minutes of the September 15, 2021 regular meeting. *Motion to approve by Herb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean, all in favor.*
6. New Business:

a) Target Area Guidelines and Review of the Draft Preservation Plan

Sally stated the plan is solid and follows state guidelines. County has listed all of the township as a project area and she hopes the state and Planning Board accept that idea. The new preservation plan will be presented to our Planning Board at their 12/14/21 meeting and she hopes that members of the Ag Committee will attend. She will handle all the required notifications.

Steve said the state needs to review the plan before our board can adopt it. He mentioned that this is the first time an entire community has been designated as a project area. Over all he thought the targeted list looked good. He suggested the

Planning Board review the Landis Development Area. Sally said that will come up at the 12/21/21 meeting and that the township could redraw that area if they like.

Committee discussed the targeted list and agreed any viable parcel should remain on it even if the owner hasn't expressed interest in preservation. Sally will alter the list accordingly. Steve and Sally will trade data to make sure their information matches. The committee has until Wednesday, 11/24/21, to review the target information and make any changes, or suggestions to Sally. She needs the draft plan posted on the township website by 12/13/21.

Committee thought the plan was well written and informative. Norm thought it should be required school reading so young residents can begin to appreciate the area in which they reside.

b) Economic Development Committee and Agritourism

Eileen said the EDC had sent an invitation to the Ag Committee to attend their last meeting to discuss agritourism in the township. No one was able to go. They will be reaching out to us again in the new year to see if this is feasible and what ideas we may have to make it happen.

c) 2022 Ag Budget

Committee reviewed the 2021 budget and expenditures and agreed that there was no need for additional funds next year. Deb thinks the only additional expense we would have in 2022 would be materials for Pittsgrove Day. She would like us to be more of a presence at that event.

d) 2023 PIG Application – Eileen has the paperwork and will file it by the December deadline.

7. Old Business:

Status of current preservation efforts: Katie

T. Mihalecz/D. Crisanti – both have final state approval, in the title/survey stage

JWP – close to legal review, should settle end of the year, early next year

Dobson- CMV by Thanksgiving or a little later

Burt – has been sent an offer

Dietrich – still have to clear acreage to meet the minimum required.

Stephens – in Greenlight review. Norm visited the property, it's totally irrigated, no wetlands, are 3 structures on the lot, it's a nice piece of land.

Bolnick – Zeck is the new owner and his application is in progress, direct state easement.

8. Correspondence: none

9. Member Comments: none

10. Public Comments: none

11. Adjournment: 8:40 p.m. – *Motion to adjourn by Norm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Herb, all in favor.*

**NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 19, 2022**