

Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Committee

Minutes

November 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schultz at 7:30pm. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Schultz.

Roll call: present - Jack Schultz, Al Mitchell, Lou Joyce, Brian Lorenz, Warren Morgan, Brian Leady, Committee Liaison

Absent- John Blankenship, Michael Hitchner

Others present – none

Minutes from September 12, 2024 were approved on motion by Mr. Lorenz, 2nd by Mr. Joyce with unanimous vote and abstentions by Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Morgan.

Old Business:

Report from Salem County: Mr. Joyce reported that the reapplication for Pierce was proceeding and information sent to SADC.

Report from SADC: Ms. Mazzella sent an email to say that she “will make the January meeting with some substantial updates to the new Statewide Formula Value (SFV) which is likely to have an impact on Alloway farms. In anticipation of the SFV there has been no movement on any farms in Alloway.”

Report from NJCF: Rob Ferber sent word that he is taking a position with the Pinelands Preservation Alliance and our new contact (for now) is Erica Arles.

Website message: we will await new information on SFV from the State before publicizing a message.

Township trust fund: No new report.

New Business:

2026 PIG Grant: Mr. Joyce circulated the draft Township Committee resolution scheduled for November 21 approval.

Motion to submit the 2026 PIG Grant to SADC made by Mr. Mitchell, 2nd by Mr. Morgan and approved unanimously. Mr. Joyce to complete and submit prior to the December 15 deadline.

2025 meeting schedule: the Committee agreed to continue the current schedule of the 2nd Thursday of alternate months at 7:30 PM and adopted the dates of: 1/9, 3/13, 5/8, 7/10, 9/11, and 11/13/25, and 1/8/26 as the dates for 2025 on motion by Mr. Mitchell, 2nd by Mr. Lorenz and with unanimous vote.

A follow-up review of member terms for 2025 showed that all current members are appointed through 2025 so no reappointments are needed.

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Public Comment: No public in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm on motion by Mr. Mitchell, with 2nd by Mr. Lorenz and unanimously approved.

Louis Joyce,
Secretary

Next Meeting: January 9, 2025

Approved: DRAFT to be approved at next meeting