



**PASSAIC COUNTY AGRICULTURE
DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 18th, 2022
WebEx Meeting**

Chair Bartlett opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and read the notice that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Skip Bartlett, Chair; Tim Feeney, Vice Chair; Rocky Hazelman, Commissioner; Michael Eelman, Commissioner; Henry Anderson, Commissioner; Jennifer Papa, Commissioner

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: Cecilia Diaz, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Passaic County, Glen Van Olden, Soil Conversation District; Kenneth Simpson, Passaic County Planning Board;

STAFF PRESENT: John Pogorelec, County Counsel; Marc Seemon, Deputy County Administrator; Michael Lysicatos, Planning Director/Board Secretary; Jessie Summers, CADB Administrator; Salvatore Presti, Assistant Planner

OTHERS PRESENT – None.

MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of November 8th, 2021 was made by Vice Chair Feeney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Papa. The motion passed unanimously.

REORGANIZATION

A nomination was made by Vice Chair Feeney to have Chair Bartlett serve another term as Chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Papa.

A nomination was made by Commissioner Anderson to have Vice Chair Feeney serve another term as Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Hazelman.

The board unanimously voted to place both nominees in their respective positions.

A nomination was made by Commissioner Hazelman to have Planning Director Lysicatos serve another term as Board Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Vice Chair Feeney.

The board unanimously voted to accept Planning Director Lysicatos as Board Secretary for 2022.

CADB Administrator Summers presented the meeting dates for 2022. No objections were raised. A motion to accept the meeting dates for 2022 was made by Commissioner Eelman and seconded by Vice Chair Feeney. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PORTION – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

OLD BUSINESS

Harper Turner Farm

County Council Pogorelec reiterated that the board passed a resolution (Resolution 21-1) approving the applicant's request for a site-specific determination. The permit was to import fill dirt to create logging roads and create gardening beds. A motion was made by Commissioner Hazelman and seconded by Vice Chair Fenney to adopt Resolution 21-1. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Chair Bartlett inquired about Oldham Road. Planning Director Lysicatos stated that a draft application was being put together and would be sent to the board before being sent to the state.

Chair Bartlett asked about the protocol for having a closed session. County Counsel Pogorelec outlined the procedure and circumstances in which a closed session could be used.

The board discussed possibly using the county facility at Nike Base to meet when meeting in person becomes feasible.

Commissioner Eelman asked if there was an update from the Battinelli Family Farm. CADB Administrator Summers stated that she had been in contact with the applicant. The applicant was working to get materials together to prove their commercial farm status. However, before the applicant could appear before the board, they must appeal the determination made by the tax assessor.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice Chair Feeney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM that was seconded by Commissioner Eelman. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Salvatore Presti for



JESSIE SUMMERS