

**WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA COUNCIL**  
**688 SUGARTOWN ROAD, MALVERN, PA, AND VIA ZOOM**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2022, AT 2:00 PM**

**Call to Order** - The regular meeting of the Willistown Township Agricultural Security Area Council came to order at 2:00 PM. The following members were present: Mike Devine, Eric Hetzel, Supervisor Robert Lange, and Ted Leisenring. Also present were Sally Slook, Township Manager, Bob Smiley, Director of Planning and Zoning, Bill Christman, Township Solicitor, and Jennifer Jacobs, Assistant to the Township Manager.

Supervisor Lange led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for military personnel, first responders, and all front-line workers in the current pandemic.

**Organization** – Supervisor Lange made a motion to elect Sally Slook as Secretary. Mr. Devine seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Council or the public, and the motion carried 4-0.

**Announcements** – none.

**New Business**

Supervisor Lange gave the history of the ASA in Willistown and the benefits of being enrolled for a local farm. The benefits include local government can't enact nuisance ordinances that unreasonably restrict farming practices, an ASA designation is a prerequisite for consideration in the Farmland Preservation Program, and no land can be condemned through eminent domain without being approved by the Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board (ALCAB).

Solicitor Christman and Zoning Officer Bob Smiley said the applicant meets the criteria for joining the ASA. The application has a farm parcel of 10 acres or more or has an anticipated yearly income of at least \$2000 from agricultural products; the property is viable agricultural land used for the production of crops, livestock, or livestock products, at least 50 percent of the land has Soil Capability Classes I-IV or is actively farmed in accordance with a conservation plan, and the property is zoned to permit agricultural uses.

Mr. Devine moved to recommend the admittance of 6 and 8 Castlebar to the Willistown Agricultural Security Area by the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Lange seconded. There were no comments from the Council or the public, and the motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Slook will send a written recommendation from the Agricultural Security Area Council to the Board of Supervisors.

**Citizens Comments**

None.

**Adjournment**

Seeing no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sally Slook, Secretary