

**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
February 16, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Scott Guidos.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Gwen Simek, Robert Bonomo, Scott Guidos, Mary Sulger and Edward Whitham.
Absent was Matthew Walsh, Chris Fennell.

Township staff present: Richard Brittingham, Assistant Township Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Gwen Simek made a motion to approve the January 19, 2016 minutes. Robert Bonomo seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

DEVELOPERS:

1. Addition of Parcels to the Richland Township Agricultural Security Area

Proposal: Richland Township has received a petition from an additional property owner seeking to have their property added to the Township's Agricultural Security Area. The Richland Township Board of Supervisors will be holding a public hearing on this request at a future date yet to be determined. Prior to the public hearing they are first required to seek a recommendation from the Planning Commission. In addition recommendation is required to be obtained from the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Richland Township's Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee.

The parcel proposed to be added to the Agricultural Security District is as follows:

1. 36-029-021 (George & Hope Zavitsanos)

The Bucks County Planning Commission recommends the parcel be considered for inclusion in the Richland Township Agricultural Security Area. They noted that a goal of the Township's Comprehensive Plan is to conserve Richland Township's unique identity and character by protecting agricultural land and uses.

Present:

Staff Comments: Rich Brittingham gave a brief overview of the benefit to adding a property to the Agricultural Security Area. This encourages the farmer to keep farming and they can apply for state grant money for preservation when the property is in the Agricultural Security Area.

Planning Commission comments: No Comments

Public Comment: No Public Comment

MOTION: Gwen Simek made a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to add the following parcel to the Richland Township's Agricultural Security Area: 36-029-021 (George & Hope Zavitsanos)

Mary Sulger seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION **Mary Sulger made a motion to adjourn the Richland Township Planning Commission meeting at 7:20 p.m. Edward Whitham seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Held, Recording Secretary

Note: The next meeting of the Richland Township Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday March 15th at 7:00P.M.