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# TOWNSHIP OF HALFMOON

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## HALFMOON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 21, 2023

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Secretary George Stine called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Mark Hartle and Chip Jones were present (in-person). Staff in attendance: Amy Smith and Meagan Beck (in-person). Residents & others in attendance (In-person): Rose Ann Hoover, Supervisor

### 2. OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ***MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the minutes from 10-17-2023. Mr. Hartle seconded; Vote 3-0-0; Motion Carried.***

### 5. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

Planning Commission members welcomed Meagan Beck as the new recording secretary.

### 6. REVIEW OF AGRICULTURE SECURITY AREA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The board reviewed the fourteen new applications for consideration for inclusion into the 2023 Halfmoon Township Agricultural Security Area. All agreed with the ASA Committee recommendations that all but one of the new applications met the criteria to be included, and therefore should be included. With the 13 new additions (340.65 acres), 2 deletions, and retention of existing properties, there are 89 total properties included in the Halfmoon Township ASA and includes a total of 5,830.65 acres.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Hartle moved to list all properties and include the thirteen new properties in the Halfmoon Township Agricultural Security Area and pass along to BOS for approval; Mr. Jones seconded; Vote 3-0-0; Motion Carried.***

### 7. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Smith noted that unless a subdivision/land development plan were to come in, there will most likely be no meeting on December 19, 2023. She also stated that she has started working on a revision to the RPD and will have Cory Rilk look it over as well prior to bringing it to the Planning Commission for review and consideration. Mr. Rilk is coming aboard as the Zoning Officer on January 1, 2024.

### 8. AUTHORITY, BOARD, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOS report: none

Open Space Preservation Board: Mr. Hartle stated that the Open Space Preservation Board met on 11/8/23 where they heard a presentation by Ron Hoover on the Centre County Preservation Program. They reviewed the



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property ranking systems for 99-year leases and permanent easements. The board discussed that there was no clear language in place to deny an application, and they would like for there to be clear language to deny an application.

CRPC: none

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

- *MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.; Mr. Stine seconded; Vote 3-0-0; Motion Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Meagan Beck