

MINUTES

Bernards Township Agricultural Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Committee: Mariellen Keefe Todd Edelstein, resident
Jim Milito
Tyson Mertz
Debra DeWitt
Tyler Seville
Kathleen Grochala

BUSINESS:

- Statement of the Open Public Meetings Act was read

- Everyone has performed harassment training

- Legislation
 - Draft Soil Protection Standards for preserved farms, was tabled to allow all to review. Will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - RTF amendment memo was table to allow for further review.

- Annual Activities actions and responsibilities
 - Farmer Meeting: All were in favor of having the farmers meeting this fall. Discussion included having a keynote speaker. Possible subjects included: soils conditions and technology. We did not decide on date, will need to be set during September meeting.

- Community outreach
 - We discussed the website postings and possible benefits to farmers.
 - We discussed a possible farmers surveys to better understand the local needs of farmers.

Public comment – none

**Submitted by C. English
On behalf of the Agricultural Advisory Committee**