

**Franklin Township Agricultural Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, January 26, 2006**  
**Minutes**

1. **Call to order in accordance with the Sunshine Law provision.** At 8:07 Chairman Suydam called the meeting to order in accordance with the Sunshine Law provision.
2. **Roll call.** Present were members Suydam, Marshall, Hasner, Puskas and Consultant Loos.
3. **Reorganization.** Chairman Suydam asked for nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Puskas proposed that the AAC keep the same officers as last year—those being Suydam for Chair, Puskas for Vice-Chair and Loos for Secretary. There being no other nominations the committee voted unanimously to elect Suydam for Chair, Puskas for Vice-Chair and Loos for Secretary. Suydam abstained.
4. **AAC vacancy.** The committee discussed the fact that Lulie Gund was not reappointed. Suydam stated that Gary Randolph had volunteered to serve on the committee. Hasner moved and Marshall seconded a motion to recommend to the Council that Randolph be appointed to the vacancy and to recommend that the Council include an alternate on the AAC and that Gund be appointed an alternate. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of the October 20, 2005 minutes.** Upon a motion by Puskas, seconded by Marshall, a motion carried to approve the October 20, 2005 minutes.
6. **Financial report.** Loos reviewed the financial report. There is \$9,748,213.09 left in the trust fund. At 8:331, upon a motion by Puskas, seconded by Hasner the committee approved a motion to approve the financial report and to go into Executive session to discuss the status of negotiations for property easements. At 8:50 the committee came out of Executive Session.
7. **Meeting opened to the public for comment.** No members of the public were present.
8. **Meeting Schedule for 2006.** Upon a motion by Marshall, seconded by Puskas, a motion was made and approved to approve the attached Resolution establishing meeting dates in 2006 as the third Thursday of each month at 8:00 PM.
9. **Old Business.**
  - A. **Hunting on Six Mile Run.** Puskas reported that the NJ Fish and Game Council is considering opening Six Mile Run to gun hunting. After some discussion, Suydam appointed Puskas to investigate this further and to work with Loos to try to get the Council to reaffirm its past support for having leased lands on Six Mile Run, have hunting by the lessee.
10. **New Business.**
  - A. **Right to Farm ordinance.** Hasner discussed a possible weakness in the Right to Farm ordinance regarding hoop houses needing township permit. The committee discussed the issue and determined that there was not a significant problem. Hasner had made a motion that got no second and he withdrew the motion and thus the committee took no action.
  - B. **NJAS proposal to have the State convert several lots on Six Mile Run to grasslands.** After considerable discussion during which Puskas stated that he wanted to lease one of the lots, Hasner moved that the AAC support the grassland conversion on Block 36.01, Lots 18 and 10, but to oppose the conversion on block

57.01, lot 3 so that this lot can be put back into agricultural production. Motion carried.

**11. NJ Grown Community Award Program.** Loos handed out a flyer announcing a request for proposals for the NJ Grown Community Award Program award. The committee asked that this issue be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**12. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Loos, Secretary/Consultant

RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN,  
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 of the Laws of the State of New Jersey, Section 13 thereof, requires the public body at least once a year to provide notice of a schedule of regular meetings of said public body to be held during the succeeding year, and;

**WHEREAS**, said Act further requires in Section 3 (d) thereof, that adequate notice as required by said Act be mailed, telephoned, telegraphed or hand delivered to at least two newspapers, which newspapers shall be designated by the public likelihood of informing the public of such meetings, one of which shall be the official newspaper, and,

**WHEREAS**, said Act in Section 14 thereof, further provides that any person may request that a public body mail to him copies of any regular meeting schedule or revision and any advance written notice described in Section 3 (d) of said Act of any regular, special or rescheduled meeting of such body upon payment by such person of a reasonable sum if any has been fixed by resolution of the public body to cover the cost of providing such notice;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 6th day of December 2005 by the Agricultural Advisory Committee of the Township of Franklin, Somerset County, New Jersey that the regular meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee of the Township of Franklin, Somerset County, New Jersey during the year 2006 will be held at the Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane at 8:00 p.m. on the following dates:

January 26, 2006	July 20, 2006
February 16, 2006	August 17, 2006
March 16, 2006	September 21 2006
April 20, 2006	October 19, 2006
May 18, 2006	November 16, 2006
June 15, 2006	December 21, 2006

VOTE ON RESOLUTION this 6th day of January 26, 2006

FOR: Suydam, Marshall, Puskas and Hasner

AGAINST: None.

Respectfully submitted,

John Loos, Secretary