

**Minutes  
Hope Township  
Agricultural Advisory Board  
Wednesday, April 6, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman, Bob May.

***Open Public Meetings Act:***

Under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act" adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by publishing notice in the legal section of the Express Times and by posting notice in the Hope Post Office and on the Township bulletin boards—April 6, 2016.

- Present at this meeting were members: Bob May, Richard Goodbody, Josh Miller, and Sandy Uργο of the Land Conservancy of New Jersey.

- Minutes of both the January 6 and February 17, 2016 meetings were distributed in advance of the meeting. Mr. Goodbody made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. May and approved by the Board (*Josh Miller abstained from the vote*). Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. May and approved by the Board (*Richard Goodbody abstained from the vote*).

Old Business:

- Ms. Uργο first spoke to the status of a number of Farmland Preservation efforts.

Correspondence:

- The board reviewed two letters that had been sent to Hope Township- one from the SADC on February 23, 2016 and the second from the TLC sent on March 3, 2016.

Update on Farmland Preservation Efforts:

- Ms. Uργο spoke to the status of the active Farmland Preservation applications. The properties involved are each at different stages of the process, and Ms. Uργο reviewed each one in detail.

New Business:

- The status of ongoing funding of New Jersey's open space/ farmland preservation program was then discussed, with various Board members commenting on differences in funding levels being proposed by Governor Christie and the Legislature. Board members expressed their hope that farmland preservation not be underfunded, in order that the program can continue to move forward in all areas of the State.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard Goodbody  
Secretary