

LOWER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP
AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 5, 2019

AGENDA

Meeting called to order by Terry Sacks, Chairman at _____.

Roll Call:

Members:

Terry Sacks, Chairman

Terry Bird

Ellen Jane Kenney

Dan Orfe

Jim Roth

Discussion Items:

- Discussion – Obtain legal clarification about level of eminent domain protections provided by the ASA and clarification of structure restrictions on ASA properties.
- Update - map of LFT ASA – still not updated by county – Terry Bird to continue working with Danielle.
- ASA information section on LFT website – see latest attached below *
- ASA eligible property outreach – personal call and enrollment letters to any ASA eligible property that did not enroll
- Meeting dates for remainder of 2019
 - November 4

Public Comment

Motion to adjourn

Motion Made _____, Seconded _____, Carried _____

**ASA information section on LFT website*

LFT Agricultural Security Area

In 2018 the LFT Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2018-21 creating an Agricultural Security Area. The acreage in Lower Frederick's Agricultural Security Area is over 720 acres. Click here (**the map isn't complete yet**) to see the map of ASA properties in LFT. The benefits to landowners in an ASA are as follows.

- Local governments are not to enact ordinances that would unreasonably restrict normal farming practices or structures.
- Local governments shall not define as a public nuisance normal farming practices.
- Eminent domain protection (added levels of review).
- Farmlands in ASA's are eligible for agricultural easement programs (see Montgomery County Farmland Preservation website for more information).

To apply for ASA designation, contact the Township Manager at 610-287-8857 or manager@lowerfrederick.org.

For information on the Farmland Preservation Program, contact Danielle Dobisch, Montgomery County Farmland Preservation Administrator at 610-278-5239 or [click here to visit the Montgomery County Farmland Preservation website](#).

Lower Frederick Township's Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee (ASAAC)
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