

**MANHEIM TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA  
MANHEIM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL Building  
1840 MUNICIPAL DR LANCASTER 17601  
JANUARY 6, 2022 -- 7:00 PM**

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**Phone: 1-267-831-0333 & Meeting ID: 91901734034#**

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**Call to order – Vice Chair Chad Hurst**

**Roll Call & Quorum - Secretary Chuck Blakinger**

**Greetings - Commissioner Kauffman to Agriculture Committee Members & Non-Member Attendees especially any Sustainability Committee Members**

**Review and Approval of Minutes: October 7, 2021 – Chuck**

**Election of Officers and Suggestions for New Members – Chad**

**Introduction of Guest Speaker – Commissioner Kauffman**

**Jeff Swinehart – Chair of MT Planning Committee plus President and CEO of Lancaster Farmland Trust effective January 1, 2022.**

**Jeff has been asked to speak on these topics:**

1. There seems to be a list of general rules for preserving a farm with Lancaster Farmland Trust or Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board. Is there such a list for MT-TDR preservation? If yes, do we ask Lisa Douglas for it? If no, would we work with Lisa to make one?
2. Could more MT/TDRs be made? Or would a preservation program without them be necessary? What about a program similar the Honey Brook program that's funded by a dedicated tax? Why isn't it possible to preserve farms on land zoned R1 or R2?
3. If a farm in MT is preserved by LFT or County is it possible to have MT hold the easement? Does MT have general rules for holding preservation easements?
4. Why aren't MT-TDR preserved farms on the county map of preserved farms?
5. Does MT have a state ag security district? Is it contiguous with MT's ag district? What is the difference between the two?
6. We want to find ways to help preserve the viability of farming. Does LFT or County help their preserved farms find funding for solar panels or storm water plans and implementation?
7. Do you think a SUPPORT MT FARMS page on MT's website listing farms with items or services to sell could be effective?

**New Business / Future Topic Suggestions**

1. Stephanie Shirk from Penn State Extension may be able to talk about PA programs that benefit farmers at our April meeting or perhaps Jeff Kraybill.
2. Pam attended event in December when grants were awarded for farming and conservation projects. She met two people from Lancaster County Conservation District 1383 Arcadia Rd Rm 200 17610 Phone 717-299-5381: Kent Bitting Professional Engineer Ext 2540 & Matthew Kofroth Watershed Specialist Ext 2523
3. Should there be an Ag Advisory sub-committee to help farmers apply and process grants.

**Establish next meeting's topic, date and time**

**Adjourn**