

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee
May 18, 2021 Minutes**

The East Bradford Township Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 3:00 pm. In an effort to minimize public exposure to COVID-19 and maintain social distancing, the meeting was held via Zoom teleconferencing. A public notice was published in the Daily Local News on May 11, 2021. The agenda and dial-in numbers were also posted on the Township website at <https://www.eastbradford.org/government/boards-commissions>.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Snook, Chair Mark Bedwell Betsey Mehl

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bea Duffy
Joseph Armstrong

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:

Rich Phifer, Directory of Property & Recreation, Acting Secretary
Mandie Cantlin, Township Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andrew Gingrich

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the ASA Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by John Snook, Chairperson.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

GINGRICH ASA MODIFICATION REQUEST

The ASA Advisory Committee reviewed a request received from Andrew and Katelyn Gingrich to add their 29-acre property at 190 Blue Rock Road in East Bradford Township (parcels 51-7-24, 51-7-23, and 51-7-23.31) into East Bradford's Agricultural Security Area (ASA). Agricultural security areas are intended to promote viable farming operations over the long term by strengthening the rights of farmers to farm. Landowners in an ASA receive protection from local laws and ordinances that would unreasonably restrict farm practices.

Mr. Phifer, Director of Property and Recreation, went over the evaluation criteria contained in the State Agricultural Security Area Law. The Committee members reviewed current use of the property, its zoning, and soil types. Upon finding that the property was consistent with the regulation, Mr. Bedwell motioned to recommend approval of the modification request. Ms. Mehl seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN: On motion of Mr. Bedwell and seconded by Ms. Mehl, the meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Phifer
Acting Secretary