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**Plainfield Agriculture Commission**

**Special Meeting Minutes**

**Monday February 22, 2021**

**7:00 pm**

**Location:** Virtual Meeting on Zoom

**Time:** Chairperson Jennie Kapszukiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

**Members Present:** Mike Desjardins, Jo-Ann Desrochers, Vernon Gray, Jr., Sherry Harmon, Jennie Kapszukiewicz

**Absent:** None

**Alternates Present:** Chris Barber

**Absent:** None (2 alternate vacancies)

**Public Present:** Paul Desrochers

**Approval of Minutes:** Mike Desjardins moved to accept the meeting minutes from January 25, 2021. Sherry Harmon seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**a. Small Group Updates**

1. **Community Outreach** – No Update. Jennie will come to the next meeting with ideas regarding a Plainfield Agriculture Film.
2. **Scholarship and Fundraising** – No update.
3. **Winter Market** – As of March 19, 2021, the state restrictions regarding events will be lifted and an outdoor event can accommodate 200 people, which would include vendors. Kevin Cunningham approves of an outdoor market so long as the commission remains Covid compliant. Because the event has been shifted to May, it did create conflicts for some of the traditional agriculture vendors who have already made commitments to traditional farmers markets that take place on Saturdays. At this point, we have eight confirmed vendors. Sherry requests that commission members send vendor ideas to her via email. A decision will be made at the March meeting whether there are enough vendors to hold the market. A discussion took place regarding non-profit vendors. While there will be no fee for an outdoor site, there will be costs associated with additional portable



bathroom rentals, hand sanitizer and advertising. The commission agreed that spots would be \$20.

-Event: May 15, 2021

-Rain Date: May 22, 2021

4. **Right to Farm** – No update.

5. **Farmers Market** – No update or news from Conservation Commission.

b. **Community Events** (events attended, upcoming events, agricultural highlights) – no events noted.

**New Business:**

**a. Opportunities:**

-Two Alternate Vacancies. Mark Gluck submitted his letter 2-22-2021 resigning from his assignment. Jennie will investigate the party affiliations of the two vacancies.

-Recording Secretary – Jennie will continue to investigate with Kevin Cunningham regarding whether this is a stipend position.

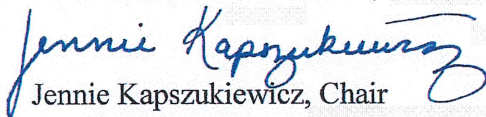
b. **Meetings:** Jennie will investigate with Kevin Cunningham if the meetings will be held in person with the coming March 19, 2021 lifting of in person restrictions.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Plainfield Agriculture Commission will be a regular meeting on Monday March 22, 2021 virtually via Zoom.

**Adjournment:** Sherry Harmon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm. Mike Desjardins seconded the motion. All in favor; motioned carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Jennie Kapszukiewicz, Chair