

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05
TOWNSHIP OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 2-41, "AGRICULTURAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREEN**

WHEREAS, the Township of Green recognizes that an Agricultural Advisory Committee can benefit residents of the Township by assisting the Township Land Use Board and Township Committee in protecting and maintaining the beneficial character of agriculture and the Farmland Preservation Plan element; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Green is empowered to establish an Agricultural Advisory Committee pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:1C-43.1b (2); and

WHEREAS, an Agricultural Advisory Committee is necessary in order for Green Township to be eligible for municipal Farmland Preservation Planning Incentive Grants, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.3;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Green in the County of Sussex and the State of New Jersey, that a new Section 2-41 shall be adopted.

SECTION 1 - A new Section 2-41 shall be adopted as follows:

2-41 AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2-41.1 Establishment. There is hereby established an Agricultural Advisory Committee which shall consist of three members who shall be residents of Green Township, in accordance with and with the powers as hereinafter set forth. The Agricultural Advisory Committee shall report to the Green Township Land Use Board and shall serve as an advisory committee to the Township Committee for the purposes of discussion of matters of interest to the farming community, current and pending Township ordinances affecting the farming community, farmland preservation planning, and other issues of interest to the farming community which will have an impact upon the Township as a whole.

2-41.2 Membership. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Committee. The Agricultural Advisory Committee shall be comprised of three residents of the municipality; and the majority of the members must be actively engaged in farming and own a portion of the land that they farm.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee shall select from among its members a Chairman. The Committee shall also select a Secretary whose function shall be to maintain minutes of the Committee's meeting and records of the proceedings of the Committee.

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2-41.3 Terms of Office. The terms of the members shall be for three (3) years.

2-41.4 Powers and duties. The Agriculture Advisory Committee shall:

- A. Assist the Township Committee in carrying out its duties and responsibilities by informing it of developments in the farming community that should be considered when using municipal regulatory and land use powers.
- B. Assist the Township Committee in development and review of ordinances for impacts upon the farming community.
- C. Assist the Land Use Board in the review, adjustments and amendments to the Farmland Preservation Plan element pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28b(13).
- D. Consider educational opportunities for residents to learn about the history of farming in Green Township, how to support the local farming community, and how to become involved in the agricultural industry.
- E. Promote interest in Township children in 4-H and other related agricultural activities.
- F. Provide information to the Township's Open Space Committee on farmland preservation opportunities in Green Township.
- G. Review and recommend any changes to Farmland Preservation Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) project areas or recommend new project areas to the Township Committee and Open Space Committee.
- H. Make an annual report to the Township Land Use Board and Committee summarizing the activities and operations of the Committee during the preceding year.

21-4.5 Public meetings. The Agriculture Advisory Committee shall hold public meetings as it deems necessary, which public meetings shall be held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.

21-4.6 Organization meeting. The Agriculture Advisory Committee shall hold its initial organizational meeting within 60 days of the effective date of this Section.

SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 - REPEALER

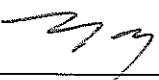
All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

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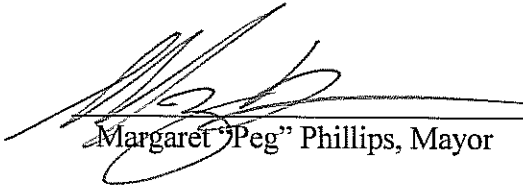
SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with law.

ATTEST:



Mark Zschack, Clerk/Administrator



Margaret "Peg" Phillips, Mayor

Record of Vote - Introduction:

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip	√		√			
Mr. Conkling		√	√			
Mr. Qarmout			√			
Mrs. Raffay			√			
Mrs. Phillips			√			

Record of Vote - Adoption:

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip	√		√			
Mr. Conkling						√
Mr. Qarmout		√	√			
Mrs. Raffay			√			
Mrs. Phillips			√			

INTRODUCED: April 3, 2017

ADVERTISED INTRODUCTION: April 6, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING: April 17, 2017

ADOPTED: April 17, 2017

ADVERTISED ADOPTION: April 20, 2017