Bridgewater Township. Farmland Preservation Board Meeting April 16, 2018 @ 18:30

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance 18:34

2. Roll Call

Present: Scaturo, McQueer, Faust

Absent: Howard
3. Citizen Participation

None.

4. Review and Approve Agenda

Motion: Long Second: Scaturo

5. Old Business

a. Approve meeting minutes (March)

Motion: Long Second: McQueer

6. Discussion Items

a. Land Preservation reference guide

Long thinks that many of the vendors we invited already have brochures or reference guides that cover the information any reference guide we would contain. Thinks it may be useful it save ourselves the time of compiling a reference guide and instead expand the content and resources on our webpage that link directly to these organizations and these resources.

McQueer suggests some additional edits, including an invitation from the board to sit down for coffee with interested landowners, and exploring additional agencies that would be relevant to township residents.

Long will add additional resources to the proposed website content update and link landowners to additional resources, splitting the lists between organizations that do permanent land preservation work, and those that provide grants and cost-shares for enhancing conservation practices on a private property. Long will have these updates ready by the next meeting.

b. Website update

Long proposed new website content linking landowners to resources. These updates will be ready by next meeting.

c. Zoning/ordinance priorities

McQueer advises the board to take some time to look at the existing ordinances in the township, and pick some that we as a board should maybe explore in depth and learn how they impact township efforts to support farmland preservation. Do some research and some exploring of best practices, and take a look into these ordinances one at a time. The board agrees to look at the list of existing ordinances and prioritize/rank them in terms of relevance and importance to farmland preservation, and at a future meeting we will divvy up reviews.

7. Citizen participation None.

8. Adjournment

Motion: McQueer Second: Scaturo

19:15

