

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
FARMLAND PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 @ 1830

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

18:36

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Faust, McQueer, Scaturro, Long
Absent: Howard

III. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

McQueer added discussion item for Long's questions on website content.

Motion to approve: Long.
Second: McQueer.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES (SEPTEMBER)

Edit: redundant listing of next meeting date under "Citizen Participation" should be removed.
Noted by McQueer: Next master plan review is to be done in 2019.

Motion to approve: McQueer
Second: Faust

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Website comments by Long

Long concerned website descriptions providing location of conservation easements by stating crossroads and parcel size. Long provides alternative website language for posting. Other members review. Discussion is had on content to include, and what organizations should be listed that cover Bridgewater Township.

Motion to approve language and recommend to the Township Board, with edits to include Raisin Valley Land Trust's information in the write up, once approved by RVLT: Long

Second: McQueer

Faust, Yes

Long, Yes

McQueer, Yes

Scaturo, Yes

b. REVIEW 2017 GOAL-

i. PRESERVATION WORKSHOP DETAILS- COMPLETING PLANS

McQueer presents draft newsletter contribution. Timing of distribution is discussed, and how are we going to follow up the newsletter invitation closer to the actual preservation workshop date. A postcard will likely be mailed a few weeks ahead of the workshop, in addition to the newsletter contribution.

Motion to include McQueer's preservation workshop contribution in the township newsletter:

McQueer

Second: Faust

c. 2018 GOALS- THINKING...

i. MEETING DATES-2018

Discussion about what we hope to accomplish next year.

Focus on doing a few things well, as opposed to a lot of things poorly. Namely, interested in hosting an annual preservation workshop well, with good attendance.

Interested in making sure more landowners have correct information about conservation easements, the terms and conditions, and connecting landowners with the people who can answer those questions.

VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Faust

Second: Scaturo

19:58

Next meeting: November 20, 2017 @ 18:30

Preservation Workshop

Your Bridgewater Township Farmland Preservation Board invites you to a Preservation Workshop. Get the latest information about sharing a slice of history and building a legacy within your local community!

WHEN: Saturday, March 10, 2018

TIME: 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Township Hall, 10990 Clinton Rd, Manchester, MI 48158

GUESTS: multiple vendors listed by name

What is farmland preservation? It is a team effort by private organizations, local governments and landowners to set aside and protect examples of a region's land for the use, education, and enjoyment of future generations. It is often a part of regional planning and historic preservation. There are a number of programs currently available that allow farmers the opportunity to extend their treasured resources for the future.

Who can help with the details? The workshop will have various vendors to assist you with exploring the opportunities that exist today and what may be coming tomorrow. You can learn from experts, meet inspiring people, and get energized by the community in which you live. The setting will be an open forum that will allow the citizens the ability to visit various educational booths and gather necessary information for future considerations. Food and refreshments will be served to ensure a pleasant experience. We look forward to sharing this moment with you and welcome your participation!