

Bridgewater Township

Farmland Preservation Board Meeting

March 19, 2018 @ 1830

- Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

18:37

- Roll Call:

Present: McQueer, Howard, Faust, Long

Absent: Scaturro

- Citizen Participation

None.

- Review and Approve Agenda

Motion to approve: Long

Second: McQueer

- Old Business
- Approve meeting minutes (January)

Motion to approve: Howard

Second: Faust

- Discussion Items
- Vendor thank you's

Board agrees to write thank you cards to each vendor

- Workshop hits/misses

Hits:

-Attendance was wonderful, and the board did a great job on the postcard design.

-Good job getting the information

-Attendees had a good time and enjoyed themselves

Misses:

-Attendants were expecting a more formal workshop that would have dove into the details in a presentation.

-Name tags for vendors and attendees.

-Clarity on what to expect needed to be put into the postcard

- Future considerations for next step

-Do we take this into a formal workshop approach?

-Do we include estate planning considerations, and succession planning?

-Do we have the PDR programs explain their rationale for prioritization?

-Do we need to support education for the township board on conservation easements and PDR programs? Do we need to spread the information to our officials?

-Should we take the time to step back and look at the bigger picture and assess where and how we can help?

-Promoting ideas to the township board on model zoning and ordinances for conservation? Cluster housing, PUDs, open space development easements?

-Moving forward: addressing resident inquiries on a case by case basis, referring them to resources, and looking forward with an eye toward the next year's workshop. In addition, the board will look at model zoning and ordinances for farmland preservation, and review with the intent of presenting best practices toward township level actions that can aid in farmland preservation.

- Citizen Participation

None.

- Adjournment

Motion: McQueer

Second: Howard

19:38