

Bridgewater Township Farmland Preservation Board
Meeting Minutes 9-18-2017

I. Call to Order

18:38

II. Roll Call

Present: McQueer, Long, Scaturo, Faust

Absent: Howard

III. Citizen Participation

None.

IV. Review and Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Long

Second: McQueer

V. Old Business

A. Approve Meeting Minutes (August)

Re-recording policies need to be detailed in minute corrections, as well as Scaturo's other grammatical edits.

Motion to approve August minutes: Scaturo

Second: McQueer

VI. Discussion Items

A. Review August Presentations

McQueer was unable to access data from Washtenaw County Parks' Rosie Paul-Donaldson, who sent GIS data via DropBox. Need to request access via different channel. Long will follow up with Rosie, and send out data to farmland board via email, and bring printed copies next meeting.

Scaturo recommends open house mailing be sent out through a partner organizations, such as Legacy Land Conservancy or Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. Long recommends including invitation in the newsletter from the township only, so as to make sure the appeal is from the local farmland board instead of another organization.

Consevation/Preservation district in township master plan is discussed -- its original purpose and intent.

Scaturo prompts discussion on stand-alone wastewater treatment plants as a measure for creating clustered housing and PUD developments, to limit impacts on landscape-level land losses.

McQueer is going to follow up with Horning to discuss the 5 year master plan review.

B. Review 2017 Goal -

1. Preservation workshop details - who, what, and when

McQueer presents draft workshop flyer, as well as copy of last year's newsletter for reference on what format our invite will be sent out in.

Long spoke with Nick Machinski of the Washtenaw County Conservation District's MAEAP program. He is the certifier for the MAEAP program in Washtenaw County.

List of potential vendors for the open house: MAEAP, Legacy Land Conservancy, Raisin Valley Land Trust, NRCS, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Once we have a list of who will be a vendor at the event, we will need to settle on logistics: location, tables, chairs, refreshments, etc. -- and settle on a date.

May try to invite a conservation easement landowner who can speak to the experience of protecting their land and give their perspectives to the attendees.

VII. Citizen Participation

October 16 630 pm Bridgewater

VIII. Next Meeting

October 16th, 2016 at 6:30pm at Bridgewater Township Hall

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Long
Second: Faust