

Bridgewater Township
Farmland Preservation Board Meeting
April 15, 2019 @ 1800

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
18:08
- II. Roll Call
Present: Faust, Howard, McQueer, Scaturro
Absent: Long
Long arrives late at 18:25
- III. Citizen Participation
None.
- IV. Review and Approve Agenda
Motion to approve: Howard
Second: Faust
- V. Old Business
 - a. Approve Past Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve: Howard
Second: Faust
- VI. Decision Items
 - a. Future Meeting Times/Dates
2019 Meeting Schedule: January 21 (18:30), April 15 (18:00), August 19 (18:30), October 21 (18:30)
Motion to approve: McQueer
Second: Long
Aye: Scaturro, McQueer, Howard, Faust, Long.
Nays: None.
- VII. Discussion Items
 - a. Treemore Ecology Update
 - McQueer has had correspondence with Barry Lonik regarding the mailing, but there was a delay on the mailing timing, but Barry has told McQueer that his new target date for having the mailing prepared was April 15.
 - b. Review/Explore Session – Ordinance 38 (Purchase of Development Rights)
 - McQueer wanted to present the opportunity for the Farmland Preservation Board to review and discuss Ordinance 38, as it is fundamental to the work we seek to support as a Farmland Preservation Board.
 - McQueer made a worksheet to review the ordinance to increase effectiveness of the review process.
 - Ordinance 38 was established to make Bridgewater Township lands eligible for the State of Michigan’s PDR program, which has been unfunded for years, but recently received funding and is being revamped and relaunched soon.

- Discussion around which ordinance may or may not be more appropriate to review as it relates to farmland preservation in Bridgewater Township.
- Discussion around the acreage minimums in the farmland preservation district.
- Long will notify the Bridgewater Township Farmland Preservation Board when State Farmland Preservation Board establishes their criteria and guidelines, and then that information can be forwarded to Township Planning Commission to help guide them in establishing a master plan that prioritizes preservation of lands that would be eligible for State funding for conservation.

c. WCPARC Master Plan Meeting

- McQueer will attend and send the agenda to the Township Farmland Preservation Board ahead of time. He will report back at the next meeting in August.

VIII. Citizen Participation

- Ron Jansen is in attendance. Here to collect information on the status of land conservation in the township and in the wider community.
- Discussion about NRCS programs for land conservation.
- Discussion about CRP and CREP programs.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: McQueer
Second: Scaturo

APPROVED