Notes on Farmland Preservation Board Meeting March 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

Members present were Wes Mallonen, Sue Jantschak, Liz Waffle and Sylvia Taylor There were no additions or corrections to the January meeting notes.

Public comment: Bre Broderick, resident on the NW corner of Talladay and Tuttle Hill Rd, commented on her accidental meeting with Chair, Sylvia Taylor, as Sylvia was inspecting a parcel adjacent to their property. After learning that the land was a possible acquisition for an Augusta Township park and that the matter was to be an agenda item at this meeting, she came to state her support of the possibility and to keep abreast of developments.

As board representative, Susan Burek, was absent, there was no report about any Board of Trustees actions that would pertain to our board. Sylvia, however, had been copied on emails regarding Township staff finalization of our line-item budget.

Copies of e-mail communication between Sylvia and Ruth Thornton, coordinator of our participation in the approved RCPP partnership grant, regarding actions to scale back member requests to fit the funds available, were read aloud. Sylvia inquired if board members would prefer to have forwarded all such e-mail correspondence, allowing members more timely news of developments. Members present agreed to welcome such e-mail.

Sue Jantschak distributed leaflets from a York Township CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farm. Liz Waffle suggested that compiling an available list of all area farmers markets and CSA's in the area would be an appropriate educational contribution of our Board. Liz will look into the feasibility of following through with the development of such a list.

Sylvia explained how we learned about a possible gift to the Township of Paint Creek flood plain land, (adjacent to the Broderick property), and Sylvia's contacts with the owner. The owner is in process of organizing her estate before moving into an assisted living facility. She would like to preserve the land as a Park. No formal offer has been made as the owner has other matters needing first attention.

**Submitted by Sylvia Taylor**