

Minutes of Meeting

Augusta Township Farmland Preservation Board

Date: April 13, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Augusta Township Hall

Members Present:

Sue Jantschak, Sylvia Taylor, Elizabeth Waffle, Heidi Graham , Susan Burek (6:05 PM), Shane Lehto (6:40 PM)

Members Absent:

Dale-Lin Mallonen

Call to Order: 6:04 p.m.

Consideration of March 9 Minutes: Susan Burek will bring current revisions of our action plan to the township board for approval before our next meeting. Chair Taylor moved to pass the minutes as written, Jantschak seconded the movement. All in favor.

Additional Agenda Items: None

Public Comment: None

Correspondences: None

Updates of possible Augusta Township participation in a collaborative PDR block grant pre-proposal with the Conservation Fund to be administered by Ann Arbor Greenbelt Program:

Chair Taylor gave a summary of the March 16 information meeting with Ruth Thornton, who will be the county's grant administrator if funding is received. She also updated us on the township action at the April 10 Board of Trustees meeting regarding a resolution of interest in the pre-proposal. The resolution of interest was passed unanimously at the Board of Trustees meeting and Supervisor Shelby planned to send a letter of interest to Ruth Thornton before the deadline.

Other items from members: Susan Burek expressed how the current township Board of Trustees is very supportive of farmland preservation efforts and should be very willing to work with us in our efforts as a committee.

Chair Taylor updated us on her involvement in the county committee and is hoping to soon receive a map showing high priority areas for natural resources and agriculture easements in the county. Our township has many high priority areas especially natural Lake Plains areas. The map should be a good resource in reaching out to property owners.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM