

Notes of Augusta Farmland Preservation meeting on September 14, 2017 taken by Chair Sylvia Taylor for absent Secretary Heidi Graham.

Meeting was called to order at 6:15

Members present were Sylvia Taylor, Elizabeth Waffle, Shane Lehto and Susan Burek.

Minutes were approved as amended with an addition: "MS Donaldson provided the committee with 2 County priority maps for acquisition or easement; one for agricultural land, and one for natural areas. Elizabeth Waffle noted that the agricultural lands map did not designate grassland farms as agricultural."

Public comment: Dale-Lin Mallonen commented on the recent agricultural acquisition and application for Act 116 status by Bob Shultz. This was followed by a discussion by committee members about the role of 116 status in agricultural preservation.

Car show report: The success of the Aug. 27 township car show and of this committee's both was described by Shane Lehto and Sylvia Taylor. The four members present expressed enthusiastic interest in continuing to provide booths at future events.

Greenbelt block grant- The block grant proposal has been submitted. We will know in November if it is accepted.

Use of Leaflets: It was proposed by Elizabeth Waffle and seconded by Susan Burek remove the "Augusta Township's Farmland and Open Space "leaflet from Draft status and designate as the official leaflet of our committee. Motion passed. (Not sure of Susan being the second.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM