

Notes of meeting by Sylvia Taylor for Secretary Heidi Graham. Farmland Preservation Board meeting !0-12-17

Call to order: 6:20 PM

Consideration of September 14 Minutes: Moved by Liz Waffle, seconded by Susan Burek to accept the notes taken in place of minutes as presented. Passed

Additional agenda items to add: Susan Burek reported that the \$117 bill payment for the 2016 secretarial expenses was paid from the current year's budget; thus reducing this year's expense budget. It was moved by Sylvia Taylor and seconded by Liz Waffle to request the Township Board of Trustees to transfer \$117 from the Farmland Protection fund to the current year's expense budget. Passed

Public comment: Supervisor Brian Shelby and Deputy Supervisor Bill Tobler explained three options for land acquisition for a new fire department and future Town Hall which could include an opportunity of FPB participation in options 2 or 3.

Old business: Recruitment of new FPB members: Wes Mallonen has submitted his application to the Board of Trustees for membership on the FPB board. Mr. Mallonen farms 20 acres of family property in the western part of the township. It was moved by Sue Jantschak and seconded by Liz Waffle that the FPB convey, to the Board of Trustees, support for Mr. Mallonen being added to the FPB board as a member who operates an agricultural business under section 6 (2) of the Purchase Of Development Rights Ordinance. Passed

Consideration of the appropriate use of Farmland Preservation funds to provide open-space/ parkland adjacent to future Township Facilities: Discussion by members present led to a consensus that this could be an excellent use of the fund, depending on placement of facilities and public need/support.

Evaluation of open-space/parkland potential of two currently proposed properties, with discussion of the amount of FPB funds that could be assigned to any acquisition: Discussion by members present led to a consensus that although the farmland protection fund was in the early stages of accumulating sufficient funds for meaningful assistance in land acquisition, it would welcome any specific proposal forwarded to the FPB by the Township Board of Trustees.

Other Items from members: Sylvia Taylor past around a copy of a proposal submitted by York Township to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Department for assistance in funding a public park and natural area on the Saline River.

Adjournment: 7:20 PM