

Augusta Charter Township  
8021 Talladay Road  
Whittaker MI 48190

## **FARMLAND PRESERVATION BOARD MINUTES**

**Thursday June 10, 2021**

1. Sue Jantschak called the meeting to order at 3:06pm. In person meeting was convened in the modular. Safety protocols were followed, non vaccinated persons were required to wear proper face masks.
2. Roll Call: Present, Sue Jantschak, Wes Mallonen, Belynda Domas, Liz Waffle, Dr. Sylvia Taylor and Susan Burek. Absent, none.
3. Public comment, there were no public comments.
4. Motion by Jantschak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Domas to approve the March 11, 2021, Farmland Preservation Board Minutes. Motion passed, all ayes.
5. Treasurer's Report – Revenue and Expense and Balance Sheet financial statements as of June 10 were provided and discussed. Motion by Domas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jantschak to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Burek. Motion passed, all ayes.
6. Selto and Karnatz Farm Agreement Update – The Participation Agreement has been reviewed, modified, and approved by Augusta Township's attorney Victor Illich. Susan Burek, Augusta Township Treasurer, will make the following motion at the June 22, Augusta Township Board of Trustee's meeting:

“Motion to receive and file the attached Participation Agreement between Augusta Charter Township, Washtenaw County, and the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission to participate together in the purchase of a conservation easement of approximately 118 acres of vacant land owned by Jeffrey and Ronda Seltor and Karnatz Farm. Augusta Township portion remains \$50,000 as originally approved on November 12, 2019.”

7. Discussion occurred regarding the current program's scoring process. There were three applicants in 2020 from Augusta Township. None of them were selected. One scoring criteria involves the townships Master Plan. Motion by Domas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burek, to reach out to Augusta Township Planner Laura Kreps. Inform Laura Kreps that Elizabeth Brost [BrostE@michigan.gov](mailto:BrostE@michigan.gov) knows what language need to be in the Master Plan to be eligible for MDARD's farmland preservation/purchase of developments rights program. Motion passed, all ayes.

8. Drew Vielbig from Ranger Power gave an extensive presentation at the March 11, 2021, Farmland Preservation Board meeting explaining and outlining the Railsplitter Solar Project proposed project in Augusta Township. Motion by Jantschak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burek to submit a Letter of Support to Augusta Township Planning Commission and send Ranger Power a copy as well. Motion passed all ayes.
  
9. A request was made that the Augusta Township Website be updated. The Farmland Preservation Board members would like their email addresses to be listed so residents can easily reach them. Domas will submit this request.
  
10. Augusta Township Farmland Preservation Board meeting Adjourned at 4:22pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Sue Jantschak, Chairperson

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Belynda Domas, Secretary