

Augusta Charter Township
8021 Talladay Road
Whittaker MI 48190

FARMLAND PRESERVATION BOARD MINUTES

Thursday September 9, 2021

1. Sue Jantschak called the meeting to order at 3:18pm. 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, Belynda Domas, Liz Waffle, and Susan Burek. Absent, Wes Mallonen and Dr. Sylvia Taylor.
3. Public comment. Christopher Coucke, Augusta Township Assessor spoke briefly. Assessor Coucke was in attendance as requested for agenda item 7. Update for Davidson Trust Application. Because no residence attended the meeting for item 7, Christopher left the meeting after speaking.
4. Motion by Domas, 2nd by Jantschak to approve the June 10, 2021, Farmland Preservation Board Minutes. Motion passed, all ayes.
5. The Farmland Preservation Board accepted Wes Mallonen resignation received via email. The Farmland Preservation Board has five remaining members as required and will not be seeking a replacement for Wes Mallonen.
6. Treasurer's Report – Revenue and Expense and Balance Sheet financial statements as of August 31, 2021 were provided and discussed. Motion by Burek, 2nd by Waffle to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Burek. Motion passed, all ayes.
7. The Kotus Property owners on Willow Road, in Augusta Township, has applied for the Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program. The Farmland Preservation Board will follow the progress of this application and determine any ways that Farmland Preservation could participate in the venture.
8. Motion by Domas, 2nd by Waffle to approve the Augusta Township Farmland Preservation Board Description and post it on Augusta Township's website. This updated description adopts a Farmland Preservation meeting schedule of every other month starting in November. The meetings will remain the 2nd Thursday of the month. November 11, 2021 will be the next meeting date.

9. The conservation easement on the Selter property closed September 7, 2021. Rosie Pahl Donaldson, WCPRC will be writing a website/social media post about the project. Domas will share the post upon receipt.

10. The State of Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development provided Augusta Township will an excel spreadsheet that represents landowners in Augusta Township that have Farmland Development Rights Agreements with the State of Michigan enrolled in the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act of 1974 (PA 116).

11. The August 2016 Millage Language that created the FPB was provided in the packet and discussed during the meeting. Domas will update the FPB at the next meeting.

12. Wasem Fruit Farm was discussed. Chair Jantschak will be dropping off to the owners a property owner application for the Purchase of Development Rights Program and the Ordinance. Jantschak will update the FPB at the next meeting.

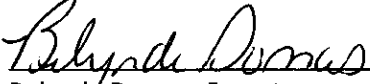
13. Burek suggested putting an article in the next Augusta Township Newsletter with the Winter 2021 Property Tax bills. Burek will update the FPB at the next meeting.

14. Augusta Township Farmland Preservation Board meeting Adjourned at 4:26pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Sue Jantschak, Chairperson



Belynda Domas, Secretary