

## **Minutes of Meeting**

Augusta Township Farmland Preservation Board

Date: February 9, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Augusta Township Hall

**Members Present:** Sue Jantschak, Elizabeth Waffle, Sylvia Taylor, Heidi Graham, Dale-Lin Mallonen, Shane Lehto, Township Board Representative Susan Burek arrived at 6:52 PM

**Members Absent:** None

**Call to Order:** Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Correspondence:** The board discussed the inquiry of two citizens who came into the town hall asking if a Farmer's Market could be held in the township. The citizens were not present at the meeting. The Board discussed the problem of not having a good venue for such a market, the time-commitment required to organize such a market and whether or not there would be enough interest in our township for a successful market. A possible collaboration with the schools was suggested, but no definitive plans were made.

**Review of the current mission plan/action statement:** The board reviewed the current mission plan/action statement of the Farmland Preservation Board and discussed possible additions and changes. Board members will continue to review the statement and continue discussion at the next month's meeting.

**Discussion of appropriate protocol for landowner contacts:** The board briefly discussed whether or not a protocol should be created for contacts with landowners regarding the purchase of development rights program. No protocol was decided upon for now but may be revisited at a later point.

**Discussion of possible 2017 events:** Undecided

**Other items from members:** There is a free workshop on Raising Grains for Brewing on February 28 from 5:30-8:00 PM at the Ypsi Marketplace (16 South Washington Street, Ypsilanti) with happy hour following.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.