

**Franklin Township
Agricultural Advisory Committee
Minutes
January 17, 2013**

In Attendance:

Bob Puskas - P
Frank Hasner – A
Cathy Blumig -P
Gary Randolph –P
Emanuel Manioudakis –A
Fran Varacalli, P

Chairman Puskas called the meeting to order at 8:10pm

Reorganization: Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

F. Varacalli, as a Non-Voting Committee member, performed the role of Chair during the Reorganization of the Committee.

F. Varacalli called for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Agriculture Advisory Committee.

C. Blumig nominated Bob Puskas as Chair and Frank Hasner as Vice Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee. G. Randolph seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

As the Chair and Vice Chair of the Agriculture Advisory Committee were nominated and passed the Chair B. Puskas resumed the role of chairing the meeting.

C. Blumig nominated F. Varacalli as Secretary. G. Randolph seconded the motion. All Members were in favor. Motion carried.

G. Randolph made a motion to approve the Nov. 14th Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes. B. Puskas seconded the motion.

C. Blumig abstained as she was not at the November meeting. Motion carried.

F. Hasner made a motion to accept the Agricultural Advisory Committee Resolution of meetings for 2013. C. Blumig seconded the motion. All Members were in favor. Motion carried.

F. Varacalli reported as of 12/31/12 a balance of \$11,065,000 after pending expenses in the Open Space Trust Fund. C. Blumig made a motion to approve the OSTF report. G. Randolph seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion carries.

As no one from the public was present at the meeting, the Committee did not open the meeting to the public.

F. Varacalli updated the Committee that she and B. Puskas monitored the township farms with farmland easements. All farms were in compliance. F. Varacalli took photos and received questionnaires' from the landowners regarding any changes to their farms in the past year. K. Buckley created a monitoring binder that will be kept in the Engineering office with the farm's easement, survey, questionnaires and photos. It is the intent of the Consultant to preform yearly monitoring of the farms and to ensure good working with relations with the owners of the preserved farms in Franklin Twp.

F. Varacalli updated the Committee that she had completed and submitted the Township's Municipal Planning Incentive Grant to SADC in December for funding of the Township's Municipal Planning Incentive Grant program.

C. Blumig made a motion to go Executive session to discuss acquisitions. G. Randolph seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion carries.

The Committee returned from Executive Session and there being no other business G. Randolph made a motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Blumig seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.