

**Franklin Township  
Agricultural Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
February 21, 2013**

**In Attendance:**

Cathy Blumig P  
Gary Randolph P  
Bob Puskas - P  
Frank Hasner – P  
Manny - P  
Fran – P

Chairman Puskas called the meeting to order at 8:13pm

F. Varacalli presented the Financial report/Open Space Trust Fund balance as of 1/31/12 is \$9,790,440.47.

F. Hasner made a motion to accept the Financial report. C. Blumig seconded the report. All in members in favor. Motion carried.

As there being no members of the public present the meeting is not opened to the public.

F. Varacalli updated the Committee that Open Space Trust Funds will be used for salaries of township employees who work specifically on open space, farmland, recreation and historic projects. The Committee discussed the use of and concerns regarding the Open Space Trust Funds being used on Twp. Staff time for Open Space, Farmland, Recreation, and Historic work.

There is application of the Griggstown Quail Farm before the Planning Board for approvals related to construction. The Committee reviewed the application and determined the area seeking approval for construction and the application is not in the easement area.

The Gunther Farm Lease is leased to GM Hay & Straw and they did not return their lease agreement. F. Varacalli and Committee members will reach out to Pat Weber to see if he is still interested in farming the property.

G. Randolph made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss land negotiations. C. Blumig seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion passes.

C. Blumig made a motion to come out of Executive Session. M, Manidoukais seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

G. Randolph made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Blumig seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm