

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
FARMLAND PRESERVATION, INC**

May 22, 2018

The regular meeting of Farmland Preservation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 in the Lower Makefield Township Municipal Building. Mr. Blank called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Those Present

Farmland Preservation

Mike Blank

Doug Riblet

Ross Bruch

Dan Bankoske

Eric Yeager

Others

Jim Kovalcik- Bowma

Jeremy Rowbotham- Bowma

BOWMA PROPOSAL

BOWMA would like to hunt on additional properties if permitted. Farmland discussed expanding hunting land and will ask Mr. Stewart about possibly hunting on Makefield Brook & Black Farm. Farmland will also ask Mr. McGowan if there are any additional locations he farms where BOWMA could hunt (e.g. Heather Ridge) and report both decisions back to Bowma. Mr. Bankoske asked Mr. Rowbotham to email him the permission to hunt form for Mr. McGowan to sign.

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MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Blank to approve minutes of April 24, 2018 as amended. Motion was seconded and passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mr. Riblet distributed statements stating investments are up \$30,000 for the year.

Investments: 83% invested in Stocks, 10.5% in bonds, 6.5% in money market funds.

The only payment made was to Mr. Hutchinson for replacement of his rabbit hutch which was previously approved by the Board.

Statement of Investment Policy

The Board had a discussion and agreed to explore the option of having farmland's investments handled by either an advisor or an investment company. The Board will explore options and have proposals ready for an executive session to be held at a time and date that is to be determined.

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TOWNSHIP CLARIFICATION OF BAMBOO ORDINANCE AND FOLLOW UP WITH NEIGHBORS

Mr. Riblet asked if everyone received Mr. Majewski's email stating he is still waiting for clarification of the bamboo ordinance from the BOS. Mr. Riblet suggested holding off on sending letters to the neighbors, whose bamboo is located on farmland properties, until the ordinance is clarified.

UPDATE ON PLANS FOR BAMBOO REMEDIATION

Mr. Bankoske stated the (Stackhouse) property has two (2) growths of bamboo (Mr. Kaplan's and another) that needs to be removed and disposed of properly. Farmland is ready to schedule a date and time to have it removed. Farmland will need permission from Mr. Kaplan to go onto his property to complete the job. Mr. Yeager has an updated quote from Corcoran Landscaping for the removal and disposal of the bamboo located at Kaplan (Stackhouse) totaling \$3,000. Mr. Bankoske stated this is a onetime fee and Farmland will be responsible for any future issues with bamboo. The Board asked Mr. Yeager to clarify the locations with Corcoran Landscaping before they approve to proceed with this job.

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LONG-TERM STRATEGY

*Mr. Bankoske created a mission statement that he circulated for Farmland's review.

*Mr. Bruch created a list of other organizations within Lower Makefield Township which he will circulate and add to the drop box once completed.

*Mr. Yeager investigated Stone Meadows Farm and stated there is nothing viable for Farmland.

*Mr. Bankoske stated Farmland should investigate other properties for potential uses.

*Mr. Bankoske discussed the two pieces of property on Dobry Road which Mr. Stewart farms and asked Ms. Holmes to see if there are any updates on the Long-Term Care Facility slated for Dobry Road and report any findings back to Farmland.

*Mr. Blank stated there is property on Heather Ridge that Mr. McGowan cannot farm due to its size. This parcel could potentially be used by Farmland, in the future, for community gardens.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Blank discussed findings from their Spring tour:

Mr. Blank stated he is waiting for a quote from Paul's Landscaping for the work that needs to be done on Leedom. Mr. Blank will be meeting with Paul's landscaping at Longshore to look at 1516 Pownal Drive where the leaves collect in the corner.

Mr. Stewart removed the large tree trunk located on Farmview II, but he still needs to come back and clear out the rest when the ground dries up.

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Mr. Blank stated Mr. Stewart had a discussion with the neighbor at 1516 Pownal about debris that needs to be removed. Mr. Stewart stated to the neighbor, he will only remove the debris that is located on Farmland property not on the homeowner's property. Mr. Riblet is going to inspect this location and report back to the Board.

Mr. Bruch asked if he could send a letter to the neighbor on the Leedom Tract who placed a clamp and band on one of Farmland's trees stating he needs to take it down or Farmland will take it down. The Board agreed.

Mr. Bankoske stated that Mr. Colavita would like to renew his lease now instead of December, which is his busy season. The Board agreed and stated they would have the new lease available at their next meeting.

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE BY
Ask Sam if he would agree to BOWMA hunting Clearview (aka Black Farm) and Makefield Brook parcels. If same as in the past and he does not like this, then would he be okay if they hunt doe only or if they hunt late season only? The answers could be different for each farm as we think he may not hunt Clearview at all.	Eric	Completed
Speak to Tom. Confirm Tom is okay for BOWMA to hunt Leedoms again. Also, confirm if Tom is okay for BOWMA to check out the Heather Ridge property.	Dan	Completed
Have Fidelity prepare asset management proposal.	Mike	Completed

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Contact financial planners to prepare asset management proposals.	Dan	June-October
Walk Stackhouse to review bamboo growth.	Doug	Completed
Place list of like-minded organizations in Dropbox.	Ross	June
Find pertinent updates on Dobry Rd property and assessed value.	Christine	June
Get quote from Paul's Landscaping on Leedom and Longshore parcels.	Mike	Completed by Corcoran
Complete letter to homeowner on Leedoms with band tied to our tree.	Ross	Completed
Obtain revised quote for bamboo removal	Eric	Completed
Follow-up with Mr. Kaplan regarding splitting costs for bamboo removal.	Dan	Completed

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Blank, President