

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
FARMLAND PRESERVATION, INC
AUGUST 22, 2017**

The regular meeting of Farmland Preservation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 in the Lower Makefield Township Municipal Building. Mr. Blank called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Those Present

Farmland Preservation

Mike Blank

Dan Bankoske

Ross Bruch

Eric Yeager

Others

Bob Colavita

Jeff Hirko

Mr. Blank started the meeting by asking Mr. Hirko to explain why he was in attendance. Mr. Hirko replied he would like to install a temporary fence made of wire, from his property into Farmlands' property located adjacent to the Longshore parcel. The reason for the fence is he has two (2) Nigerian Dwarf goats that feed on poison ivy and the area where he would like to put the fence is full of ivy. Mr. Hirko stated that the benefit to Farmland was that the goats would clear the ivy and prevent further destruction of the trees and shrubs there.

Mr. Bankoske would like to go out to the property with Mr. Hirko to see the exact location of where the fence would be placed.

Mr. Blank stated he will contact Mr. Stewart, as this property is leased to him, to discuss this proposal and will let Mr. Hirko know the result of their conversation.

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MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Blank to approve minutes of June 27, 2017 as amended. Motion moved and approved by the board and carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Bankoske stated he is continuing to work on Farmland’s Investment Statement and mentioned he would like to make some recommendations on how their funds are invested at the next Farmland Board meeting in September.

Mr. Riblet was absent – No treasurer’s report.

COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY

Farmland has been invited and agreed to participate in this year’s Community Pride Day.

BAMBOO ORDINANCE

Mr. Bankoske stated he received one quote for the Kaplan property and is still waiting on additional quotes for this and other properties.

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TREE REMOVAL – FARMVIEW DRIVE AND POWNAL DRIVE

Mr. Bankoske stated the work at 2088 Farmview Drive is complete and paid for. The work at 1516 Pownal Drive was completed by ZMS Property Solutions since Rick's Expert Tree Service declined to do this job after they originally said yes.

Mr. Blank asked Mr. Bankoske to get in touch with ZMS about possible future snow removal projects for Farmland properties.

Mr. Bankoske stated that ZMS also removed corn husks and bushes from the corner area located at Longshore on Pownal Drive. Mr. Bankoske stated the next time Farmland is with Mr. Stewart they need to show him this area, as it needs to be taken care of in the future.

FENCING ON FARMVIEW II

Mr. Blank stated he needs Paul's Lawn and Landscaping to return and quote how much it will cost to clear the area on Sunnyside Lane.

This is a two-step process:

- Clear the poison ivy and underbrush.
- Put up the fence.

This fencing project will not happen until late fall, early winter after the crops have been harvested and the above-mentioned work has been completed.

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RESTITUTION FOR REPLACED SIGN

Mr. Blank stated Farmland received payment from the claim that was submitted to the Bucks County District Attorney's office by Mr. Riblet for the damaged sign.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY (CD)

Mr. Blank stated Mr. Riblet is still waiting for an answer from the State about the unclaimed property that Mr. Colavita discovered in the newspaper.

MEMORIALS FOR DUANE "BUSTER" DOAN

- A) Patterson Farm Sign – Mr. Blank stated Mr. Fedorchak, Township Manager, responded to his letter and approved the sign. Mr. Fedorchak asked Mr. Majewski to process the permit. Mr. Blank has now ordered the sign from Bob Shaw Signs.

- B) Community Center Plaque – Mr. Blank stated he needs to get in touch with Lower Makefield Township's Historic Commission about this sign.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bankoske stated LMT recently updated their website and he would like to have Farmland's information updated on this site as well. He will work on what he would like added to the website.

Mr. Bankoske stated he would like to implement a "conflict of interest" policy for the Board members and the Board agreed. Mr. Bruch said he will investigate this matter and get back to the Board with any information and potential wording he may find.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Blank, President