

Comprehensive Planning & Farmland Preservation Committee

August 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
County Board Room

Present: George Mika, Gary Mertig, Donna Williamson, Charles Ortman, Jerry Teague

Excused: Pete Russo

Absent: Joe Rose

Others: Jeff Beirl, Lori Schmidt, Tom Wojciechowski, Tom Fratt, Cyndi Zach

Jerry Teague called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Motion by George Mika to approve the July 27, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Donna Williamson. Motion carried. Jerry Teague turned the meeting over to Charles Ortman who then turned it over to Donna Williamson.

Review of the work schedule was reviewed. Tom Wojciechowski feels that another meeting will be needed this month, and a date needs to be set for the public hearing. September 20, 2016 at 5:00pm was set for the public hearing. The next meeting will be August 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. with a tentative meeting scheduled for September 1, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Tom Fratt reviewed the Farmland Preservation process with a draft plan. Tom stated that some significant progress has been made and that progress was reviewed with the Committee.

Tom Wojciechowski went through the review of goals, objectives and action steps and land use goals and objectives. Discussion followed. Action steps need to be prioritized by the Committee – 2 in each element. Motion by Charles Ortman that Committee members and others pick their top 2 action steps for the next meeting. Seconded by George Mika. Motion carried.

A draft Vision Statement was handed out for review by the Committee. The statement was amended to read as follows: We envision a County that recognizes the diversity of rural, forested, community and village life. By joining together, we become stronger and more efficient in meeting our citizen's needs. We are challenged to maintain and improve land, air and water quality in an increasingly complex world." Motion by Jerry Teague, seconded by Charles Ortman to approve the statement as amended. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Jerry Teague with a second by Charles Ortman. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Lori Schmidt
Administrative Assistant