

Minutes - *Draft*

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

1. **Call to Order** - *Vice-Chair Belson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.*
2. **Roll Call**
Members Present: *Denese Belson; Peter Merritt; Michael Clark; Chuck North; Jack McLain; Kevin Collins*
Members Absent: *Samuel Fry - Submitted Resignation; Namrata Carolan - Excused*
Public Present: *Nicolas Wheeler*
3. **Public Comment** - *None*
4. **Correspondences**
 - a. *City of Litchfield 5-year Recreation Plan (2025-2029) - Some discussion.*
 - b. *Northfarthing Farm (Background + Goals + Plan) - Some discussion.*
5. **Approval of Minutes** - *Motion by Collins to approve the January 22, 2025 minutes. Second by Merritt. Approved unanimously.*
6. **Approval of Agenda** - *Motion by Merritt to approve the March 19, 2025 agenda. Second by Collins. Approved unanimously.*
7. **Public Hearings** - *No public hearings scheduled.*
8. **Unfinished Business** - *No unfinished business listed.*
9. **New Business**
 - a. **Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Applications**
 - i. **Jefferson Township - Braxmaier** (Section 4 T7S R2W 55.6 acres m/l)
Program Type: Farmland Development Rights Agreement - *Motion by Clark to recommend approval of the application. Second by Collins. Approved unanimously.*
 - ii. **Reading Township - Galloway**
 1. (Section 2 T7S R4W 80 acres m/l)
 2. (Section 11 T7S R4W 40 acres m/l)
 3. (Section 14 T7S R4W 95 acres m/l)
 4. (Section 14 T7S R4W 40 acres m/l)Program Type: Farmland Development Rights Agreement - *Motion by Clark to recommend approval of all four (4) applications. Second by Merritt. Approved unanimously.*
10. **Any Other Business/On-going Business**
 - a. **Continued discussion on update of Master Plan** - *There was some discussion and it was the consensus of those in attendance to set a workshop session for Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the County Office Building. Members will review the adopted Land Use Plan prior to the workshop in an effort to identify those areas that need updating and those areas where no updates appear necessary.*

11. Public Comment - None

12. Adjournment - *Motion to adjourn by McLain. Second by Clark. Approved unanimously to adjourn at 1:29 p.m.*

Peter Merritt, Secretary

Recorded by: Nicolas Wheeler, Register of Deeds/Equalization Director, County of Hillsdale

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