

## Comprehensive Planning Commission (CPC) Meeting

January 12, 2015

Ridgeville Town Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Inese Epstein, Chairman, Ron Luethe, Secretary, and Laurene Krueger

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Neumann

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Andi Radke Rynes and Marcy Clark.

Chairperson Epstein called meeting to order. Motion to approve agenda by Laurene Krueger second by Ron Luethe. Motion carried. Motion to approve minutes from December 06, 2014 meeting by Ron Luethe, second by Laurene Krueger. Motion carried.

Chairperson Epstein reviewed a request for a zoning change from Agricultural to Residential for property owned by James L. Allen property on Junco Road. Motion by Laurene Krueger to accept the zoning change and forward to the Township Board. Second by Ron Luethe. Motion carried.

Chairperson Epstein discussed the Farmland Preservation meeting she attended at the FSA Office in Sparta December 30, 2014. There were five other townships within the county that are interested in applying for an AEA (Agricultural Enterprise Area). The process begins with a jurisdiction (in our case the township) establishing a geographic boundary of lands to be included in the AEA. Once that is established, signatures of at least 5 landowners must sign a petition to support the AEA. The Township, County, and State must all approve the application. Once approved, landowners within the AEA can apply and sign a contract with the State for an income tax credit. Motion by Laurene Krueger, second by Ron Luethe to provide information to the Ridgeville Township Board regarding this program.

Laurene Krueger motion to adjourn. Ron Luethe seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Luethe, Secretary