

**Ann Arbor Charter Township
Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 27, 2023
Township Offices, 3792 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor MI**

I. Call to Order, Establish Quorum

Chair Bartoshesky called to order the regular meeting of Ann Arbor Charter Township Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board at 7:35pm.

Present: Tom Bartoshesky
Alex Cacciari
Ken Judkins
Ali Kawsan
Jeremy Moghtader

Absent: John Allison

Also in attendance: None

II. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 12, 2022

MOTION by Judkins, support by Kawsan, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

Chair Bartoshesky noted that two items mentioned in the December 12 minutes had been discussed by the Board of Trustees:

- The FOSPB motion regarding the Bayer property had been sent to the Board of Trustees.
- The Board of Trustees approved a \$5000 contribution to Legacy Land Conservancy, based on FOSPB motion recommending this action.

MOTION by Judkins, support by Moghtader, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 closed meeting as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

III. Otto Moehrle

Chair Bartoshesky acknowledged the passing of long time Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board member Otto Moehrle. Otto had lived in Ann Arbor Township all his life, and had served on the FOSPB for more than 13 years. He will be missed.

IV. Public Comments - None

V. FOSPB website enrichments presentation of new page

Member Kawsan presented proposed changes to the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board pages on the Township website: <https://aatwp.org/township-government/boards-and-commissions/farmland-and-open-space-preservation-board/>

After discussion and changes, information tabs with accompanying narrative and information included:

- Board members
- Farmland and Open Space Board Meeting Schedule
- Agenda and Minutes
- Who We Are
- Preserved Lands Map with List of Properties and Testimonials
- Ann Arbor Township Farm
- Landowners Interested in Preserving Your Land
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The Board supported the changes, and the new information will go live on the Township website tomorrow.

New tab and content are still needed for the Application Handbook.

VI. Project Updates - None

VII. Bayer property update

- As mentioned above, the December 12, 2023 FOSPB motion regarding the Bayer property had been sent to the Board of Trustees. However, Ms. Bayer had not yet officially applied to make the changes to her property as discussed on December 12.

VIII. New member nominations

The FOSPB is a 7-member Board, 5 of whom must live in the Township. Member applications were being actively sought, and information regarding submitting an application will be posted on the Township website, with a deadline set for applications prior to the March 27, 2023 meeting.

IX. Matters Arising

Members of the Board requested an update regarding activity and current leases on the Township Farm. This could be placed on the March 2023 agenda, and perhaps a Township Farm update/report could be placed on the agenda twice a year as a matter of course.

X. Closed Session - None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Alex, support by Judkins, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.