



**ACME TOWNSHIP
FARMLAND & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 25, 2010, 3:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

Meeting called to Order at 3:05 p.m.

Members present: B. Carstens, G. LaPointe
Members excused: B. Garvey (Chair)
Staff present: S. Vreeland, Township Manager
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary
Also present: B. Bourdages, Farmland Preservation
R. Challender, K. Engle, N. Veliquette, C. Walter, D. White

1. **Limited Public Comment:** None
2. **Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2010 meeting:**
Motion by LaPointe. Seconded by Carstens to approve the meeting minutes from March 18, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Correspondence:** None
4. **New Business:**
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Open forum discussion: how Acme Township's Zoning Ordinance can be revised to be more agricultural and agribusiness-friendly**
Vreeland prepared a **memo** to the Planning Commission and Board regarding the series of meetings held between January and the end of March with the Farmland Advisory and members of the township's agricultural community. The goal being to develop a better understanding of the needs of the agricultural businesses and to discuss how township policies can be modified and/or developed to promote this sector of our local economy.
In the memo Vreeland shares the thoughts and recommendations to date. We are done meeting for the Spring as our farmers become busier in the orchards and fields and plan to gather again in late summer, fall and winter to further develop our discussion and additional recommendations.

The Advisory and attending members of the township's agricultural community reviewed the memo.

Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.