1. **Call to Order** –
Chairwoman Melba Matthews called the July 26, 2016 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (Board) to order at 2:17 p.m. in Room 170, GSC.
The following Board Members were in attendance: Melba Matthews- Chairwoman, Eli Silberman, Mark Dunphy and Duane Hershey.
Staff: Bill Gladden, Geoffrey Shellington, Mirissia Eggerton, Veronica Protesto, and Cathy Helmuth.
Absent: John Diament, Bill Covaleski, Richard Abbott, Amy McKenna and Donald Cairns.
Visitors: Michael France and Karyn Jones.

2. **Public Comment:**
No Public Comment

3. **Approval of Minutes:**
Approval of Minutes for June 28, 2016 meeting was deferred to the August meeting due to lack of quorum.

4. **Subdivision Request(s):**
Veronica Protesto reviewed the Subdivision Request made by Michael France and Karyn Jones to subdivide their eased land, change the location of their 2 acre exclusion area to build a home, and to extend their driveway by 1000 feet passing through eased land or adding additional exclusion area to incorporate the driveway extension.

5. **Commonwealth/County Program – Status Report**

**2012 Round – 50% Donation**
Pannell, Bootsie
Pannell Revocable Trust

**2014 Round**
King, Omar
Stoltzfus, Ben

**2015 Round**
Black, Daniel
Breckbill, Richard
Brown Partnership #1
Bush #1
Bush #2
Cohen, Ronald
Harpham, Elizabeth
Hawthorne, Judson & Stayce
Jones, Pownall
Kauffman, Levi
King, Clair
Leis, Walter
Manfredi, Rocco #1
Manfredi, Rocco #2
McDowell, Elizabeth
Miller Farm LP
Miller, John
Pearson, Dean

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Offer Accepted – Londondeerry Township
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Offer Accepted – West Caln Township
Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township
Offer Accepted – East Nottingham Township
Offer Extended – Highland Township
Board Review – W. Fallowfield Township
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Offer Extended – New Garden Township
Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township
Offer Accepted – Upper Oxford Township
Offer Extended – East Nottingham Township
Offer Accepted – New Garden Township
Board Review – West Marlborough Township
Offer Accepted – New London Township
Offer Accepted – W. Nantmeal Township
Offer Accepted – East Nottingham Township
Board Review – West Nottingham Township
Ryan, James   -----  Offer Accepted – West Marlborough Township
Stoltzfus, David  -----  Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township
Stoltzfus, Gideon  -----  Offer Accepted – West Brandywine Township
Stoltzfus, Isaac  -----  Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township
Stoltzfus, Sam and Marian  -----  Offer Extended – Highland Township
Trammell, George  -----  Board Review -- Pennsbury Township
Vanderhoef, John  -----  Board Review -- East Nottingham Township
White Clay Farms  -----  Offer Accepted – East Marlborough Township

6. Challenge Grant Program – Status Report

**2014 Round**
Kulp, Edward  -----  Settled Easement – North Coventry Township

**2015 Round**
Barnard Orchards  -----  Offer Accepted – Newlin Township
Henshaw, Michael  -----  Offer Extended – London Grove Township
Pyle, Thomas  -----  Offer Accepted – London Grove Township

7. Updates and Other Business –

Bill Gladden informed the Board that the County Commissioners approved a contract between the Department of Open Space Preservation and Mowery Environmental Services, LLC owned by Adam Mowery. The contract allows Mr. Mowery to essentially serve as a subcontractor for plan writing and updating on behalf of farms entering or already participating in the preservation program. Veronica is the liaison for the Department and will prioritize the work to be assigned. The contract with Mr. Mowery will not exceed $10,000 per year and all expenses will be offset by fees paid by the landowners. The goal is to provide preserved farms with the technical assistance they need to remain current with all the various rules and regulations related to conservation planning and BMP’s.

As part of the state budget, an increase in the tobacco tax was approved which is expected to generate an additional $5 million dollars for the 2016 farmland preservation awards from the state to participating counties.

8. Executive Session- No action taken due to lack of quorum.
   - Legal
   - Real Estate: Appraisals (7)

9. Adjournment –
   Meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Duane Hershey, seconded by Eli Silberman. Motion carried.

10. Next Meeting – August 23, 2016 at 2:00 PM, room 170, GSC.