



## PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

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**To:** Portage County Farmland Preservation Ad-Hoc Steering Committee  
**From:** Jeff Schuler, Director *JPS*  
**Date:** February 17, 2016  
**Re:** Upcoming Committee Meeting

I would like to thank the Ad Hoc Committee members who were able to make our January meeting for the great work you did working in small discussion groups to get down a preliminary list of agriculture issues and concerns. We made good progress! Attached you will find the draft notes from the meeting, which serves as the official summary of the discussion topics.

For our February 23, 2016 meeting, we need a good turnout (quorum!!) to be able to do the following things:

- Actually approve the minutes from the December 8, 2015 and January 27, 2016 Ad Hoc Committee meetings;
- Find out from members who were unable to attend the January meeting if there are any issues or concerns that were missed, or that need additional detail;
- Follow-up our discussion from January to see how the issues might translate into more formal strategies and goals, etc.;
- Plan the final meetings necessary to bring the complete draft together.

As the Committee discussed last month, we will require only a very few additional meetings to bring everything together, and each one will be very important, and benefit greatly from everyone's participation! I hope you can join us February 23<sup>rd</sup>. And it would be great if you could email or call Patty Benedict to confirm whether you will be able to attend or not. Our office number is 715-346-1334.

Thank you for your continued participation and assistance with this important project. If you have any questions, or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.