

**Meeting on Master Plan Agricultural Goals/Actions – Nov 17, 2016 at 2:00 pm**  
Planning Commission Committee on Master Plan Implementation and Zoning Rewrite

Monnie Peters, Co-Chair of the Committee  
Date: November 14, 2016

This Meeting will be the third round-table discussion looking at the Township's 2011 Master Plan Goals and Actions. It will focus on Agricultural Issues in the Township. The task is to go through the Master Plan "Goals and Actions" and discuss the "what" and "who" that is needed to accomplish each "Action". Also, the subject of wineries and winery-chateaus will most likely arise.

The discussion will be directed toward defining the issues that need addressing rather than debating the merits. Once the Ag issues have been enumerated and articulated with a bit of detail, future meetings to discuss the merits in detail will be set up where the appropriate stakeholders can be present, and materials on the topics can be prepared in advance.

The accompanying one page spreadsheet of Master Plan Goals and Actions is an abbreviated version of the full spreadsheet. It covers only the Goals and Actions that relate to Agriculture. You may also be interested in the minutes and packets for the two Ag round-table discussion meetings that were held last summer on June 13 and June 23. Minutes and packets for both meetings (joint Town Board and Planning Commission) can be found on the Township Website.

The first two meetings of the Master Plan Implementation were October 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup>. Packet materials and minutes of those meetings can (or will shortly) be found on the Township Website. The Master Plan itself can be found on the Website under Departments, and then Planning. The link to the Master Plan is:  
[http://www.peninsulatownship.com/uploads/1/0/4/3/10438394/master\\_plan\\_2011\\_-\\_signed.pdf](http://www.peninsulatownship.com/uploads/1/0/4/3/10438394/master_plan_2011_-_signed.pdf)

The packet has a .pdf version of the Working Spreadsheet. If you would like an excel version, contact me, Monnie Peters, and I will email you one.

Questions or comments: contact me at [mgpeters@acegroup.cc](mailto:mgpeters@acegroup.cc) or Gordon Hayward, Township Planner, at [planner@peninsulatownship.com](mailto:planner@peninsulatownship.com)

**Peninsula Township Master Plan 2011 Goals and Actions** **Ag Goals and Actions only**

Date: 11/14/16 (MGP)

**Area of Concern** **Goals** **Actions** **Implementation** **Who?** **Priority**  
 Research Zoning Other TB, PC, P-Staff, O-staff High / Low

**Agricultural Production and Land Use** pp 26-27  
 Preserve 9000 acres of prime/unique/contiguous farmland  
 Continue PDR program

Encourage clustering of new residential developments

Promote utilization of best mgmt practices

Develop refined Agricultural Preservation Zoning District and regs

Retain and attract growers and agricultural entrepreneurs

Encourage growers to produce, process, market ag products

Establish Ag Development Plan w MSU Land Policy Inst

Include AG in capital planning (roads, power)

Raise local profile by communicating ag development, production, to all stakeholders

Ensure complementary harmonious existence between res and ag zones

Establish monitoring schedule to enforce ordinance existing/new SUPs

Remove non-ag related uses from existing ag zone

**Rural Agricultural Land Use Goals/Actions** p 28

Establish the Rural Ag Zoning District

Identify and verify parcels within Rural Ag District

Retain current ag density calculation for new development

Develop permitted uses in Rural Ag District

Adopt a zoning ordinance that defines stds for Rural Ag District

**Commercial and Neighborhood Service Goals/Actions** p 33

Consider support of Ag tourism and Agribusiness thru events etc

Develop Ag econ tools for promotion of Ag industry

Continue communication efforts in Ag commun to turn things into zoning

Encourage Ag festivals, Farmers mkts