

**Susquehanna County Agricultural Land Preservation Board  
Tentative Meeting Agenda February 11, 2026 @ 5:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Reorganization** – see page 2
- IV. Approval of Minutes** – see page 3
- V. Communications** – none
- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. Old Business**
  - A. Dobitsch Farm update – see page 5
- VIII. New Business** – none.
- IX. Other items of Discussion**
  - A. Susquehanna County Farmland Preservation updates
  - B. Member concerns or questions
- X. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting May 13, 2026 @ 5:30 PM**

Reorganization Procedure

The Chairman appoints a Chairman Pro Tem and a Secretary Pro Tem.

Chairman Pro Tem \_\_\_\_\_ asked the Nominating Committee for their report.

The Nominating Committee recommends

\_\_\_\_\_ as Chairman,

\_\_\_\_\_ as Vice-Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ as Secretary.

Chairman Pro Tem \_\_\_\_\_ called three times for additional nominations from the floor.

If there were none \_\_\_\_\_ moved that nominations be closed, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and carried.

Chairman Pro Tem \_\_\_\_\_ instructed the Secretary to cast the unanimous ballot for the slate of officers as presented for Susquehanna County Planning Commission 2025.

Chairman Pro Tem \_\_\_\_\_ closed the Reorganization meeting.

**Susquehanna County Agricultural Land Preservation Board  
Meeting Minutes December 29, 2025 @ 9:00 AM**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Leonard Wheatley called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present included: Commissioner David Darrow, Gene Hubbard, Doug Sivers and Samantha Ellsworth. Absent were Matt Hollbrook, James Barbour, William Shay, and Allen Scott. Also attending was Agricultural Easement Program Director Patti Peltz.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was said.

**Approval of Minutes:** G Hubbard made the motion, seconded by D Darrow to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025, meeting.

**Communications:** none.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Old Business**

**A. Dobitsch Farm update:**

**To:** Farmland Preservation Board  
**From:** Patti L. Peltz  
**Date:** 12/19/2025  
**Subject:** Dobitsch Farm –Agreement of sale

Van Fleet Appraisals was able to complete an appraisal on the Dobitsch Farm and get the report to me. They did appraise high enough to be made an Agricultural Easement offer from Susquehanna County. The title search on the deed has come back clean.

The Agricultural Preservation Board can now extend an offer to the landowners. The most that can be offered, according to our program guide, would be \$1500/an acre. The funding would be from our state balance of \$99,783.57 and would be 100% state funded. With our incidental costs, we would be over the amount that needs to be encumbered by 12/31/25.

Staff Recommendation: Make an offer to the landowner to bring them into the Susquehanna County Agricultural Easement Purchase Program, at \$1500 per acre. Being 100% state funded, and to move forward with the encumbering and easement process.

**D Darrow made a motion to make the landowner an offer and bring them into the Susquehanna County Agricultural Easement Purchase Program, at \$1500 per acre. Being 100% state funded and move forward with the encumbering process. G Hubbard seconded and so carried.**

**VII. New Business – Member reappointments:** Commissioner appointed board members:

Term January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029:  
Jim Barbour, At Large Member, David Darrow, Commissioner/At Large Member,  
Matt Holbrook, Contractor Member, Gene Hubbard, At Large Member, John Benscoter, At  
Large Member

**VIII. Other items of Discussion**

A. Member concerns or questions – none.

**IX. Adjournment**

G Hubbard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03AM, seconded by S Ellsworth and so carried.

**Next Meeting February 11, 2026**

Minutes Prepared by:  
Patti L. Peltz,  
Agricultural Easement Program Director

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Susquehanna County Agricultural Land Preservation Board held on December 29, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leonard Wheatley, Chairman  
Susquehanna County Agricultural Land Preservation Board

**To:** Farmland Preservation Board  
**From:** Patti L. Peltz  
**Date:** 2/03/2025  
**Subject:** Dobitsch Farm – Update

A survey will need to be conducted.

A complete deed will need to be typed by Attorney Gathany to include the full Agricultural Easement and legal description.

When all paperwork, legal, and survey work is complete, we may then move to get on a state board meeting agenda.