

Meeting Summary

Held Pursuant to Public Notice

Agricultural Committee

January 16, 2026

Attending:

Michael Saylor – Supervisor, Ag Committee Chair

Kenny Sechrist – Supervisor

Ed Mattos - Supervisor

Ben Lance – Planning Commission

Eric Swiger – Zoning Officer

Amanda Bennet – Resident

Jim Smedley – Supervisor

The meeting began at 1:00 with a general description and background on the purpose of the committee and the update to the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance. There was discussion on the current impediments to small scale farming in Warrington Township and reasons why our ordinances need to encourage small scale agricultural activities. The zoning ordinance must better explain the intent and purpose of use by right particularly agricultural activities.

There was much discussion concerning Section 517 of the zoning ordinance, “Keeping of Livestock, Small Animals and/or Poultry”. The committee decided to address changes to this section immediately and separate from the comprehensive plan update. Supervisor Saylor will present a draft of changes to Section 517 at an upcoming ag committee meeting.

There was consensus that this effort must encourage and incentivize small scale agriculture and support activities.

There was discussion on the timeline to complete this project. The role and timing of consultant assistance and the role of the planning commission were discussed. The goal is to have all changes approved by the board of Supervisors by June 2027.

The agricultural committee will continue to meet at publicly advertised meetings on the first Friday of each month at 1:00 at the Township building.

Discussion on “puppy mills” centered on definitions and the regulation of the breeding of dogs. Supervisor Saylor will research this subject.

Next meeting is February 6, 2026 at 1:00.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40.

Respectfully, Jim Smedley, Ag Committee Secretary