

SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2010.02.01.01

IN RE: Farmland Preservation – Agricultural Easement Funding

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees remains committed to the preservation of farmland in the Sugarcreek community, and;

WHEREAS, agricultural easements are an established legal tool used to protect land for its agricultural, natural and open space values for generations to come, and;

WHEREAS, when a board of trustees accepts an agricultural easement, the Township agrees to become partners with the landowner in order to restrict certain uses on the property in perpetuity and that the current and all future landowners assume the legal responsibility to use the property in a manner consistent with the agricultural easement, and;

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees desires to designate funds to provide for the future purchase of agricultural easements on farmland in the Township in concert with these principles, and;

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes that minimal funding may be allocated for this project under the current tight budgetary environment, but some funding is necessary so that the program can be set-up and implemented, and;

WHEREAS, this Board is hopeful that additional funding from Clean Ohio and Federal Sources will become available to assist in the purchase of agricultural easements when the need arises.

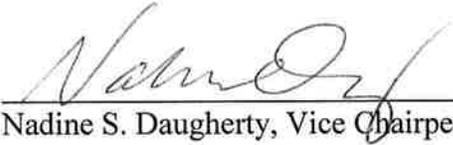
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board of Trustees does hereby direct the Fiscal Officer to designate funds within a line item of the General Fund in the amount of \$500.00 for the future purchase of agricultural easements in the interest of farmland preservation, recognizing this is a small amount intended to help structure the program.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, these funds shall remain designated as such for the 2010 fiscal year and must be reallocated each year thereafter with the annual reorganization resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board of Trustees recognizes this line item as an initiative that will require additional funding sources such as private donations in the future.



Dick King, Chairperson



Nadine S. Daugherty, Vice Chairperson



Michael E. Pittman, Trustee



Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer