MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING August 23, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM at 540 Union St., Marshfield.

Attending: Lorrie Dahlen, Sarah Garretson Lowry, Carolyn Housman, Annie Massed

Absent: Carleton Chandler, Robert Dougherty, Scott Franklin, Susan Keith Karen Vieira

Update on farmer for the conservation land at Mounce's Meadow

Scott Franklin has moved to Indiana and Norwell Farms has a new farmer Seumas Trull. Seumas is the farmer until Fall, then the farming position will be open again. Several businesses and organizations are interested in using this land. The commission recomends prioritizing a Marshfield organic farmer to use this space.

Discussion on community garden equipment

25 wooden fence posts have been donated to the community garden for deer fencing. Annie will coordinate any fencing.

The lawn mower needs to be replaced. Annie will acquire 3 quotes for lawn mowers and select the lowest priced mower. Annie requested a budget of up to \$380.00 to cover the purchase of the lawn mower. Lorrie made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$380.00. Sarah seconded the motion and all present were in favor.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the lunch room at Town Hall.

Lorrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Sarah seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Garretson Lowry, Secretary