Sterling Agricultural Commission Meeting October 4, 2018 Butterick Building, Room 205

Attending: Bob Nickerson, Mike Pineo, Diane Melone and Dave Grinkis

## **Minutes**

Call to Order @ 7:17 PM

No minutes to approve

No calendar items

Old Business 2

Farmers Market Update – Market is still active with an average of 10 vendors and no end date yet scheduled. Market has been successful this year but possible changes for next year include less music and crafts. New signage is needed.

No correspondence was received

Sterling Fair was the best attended ever however there were some mixups in the tents and booths.

A future event was discussed. It was felt that the panel that was held last spring was a great success but that we should include panels that allow substantial audience participation as that is what seemed to be the crowd pleaser last spring. Possible topics included organic vs. chemicals, bee pollination, land trust, cost of seed and etc. Each member asked to think of popular topics and panel members for a possible repeat for 2019.

**New Business** 

Review of future agenda items

Next Meeting Date – November 7, 7:30 PM This is a Wednesday but the general mid-term election caused us to delay the meeting date. Also there was a quick discussion of the start time and it was agreed that we should move back to the 7:30 start as members needed the extra time.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM