



## **Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board**

### **Regular Meeting: Monday January 4, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair John Westman at 6:31 p.m. on Monday Jan 4, 2021. The meeting was held virtually using Zoom.

Members present: Chair John Westman (from home), Vice Chair Tom Bloomer (phone from home), member Jerry Nordblom (from home), member Linda Hosford (from home), member Julie Frost (phone from car near Chelsea), consultant Barry Lonik (from home in Dexter Twp.). DAFD Fire Chief Robert Smith was present to assist with the logistics of the meeting. He did not participate in the closed session.

Members absent: None

#### **Approve Minutes:**

Motion Frost, second Bloomer to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on Nov. 9, 2020 as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

#### **Chairman's Remarks:**

Chair Westman thanked those attending. He stated for the record that the December meeting had been canceled. He stated that the Michigan Supreme Court had declined to hear the appeal regarding the Nixon event barn.

#### **Approve Agenda:**

Motion Westman, second Nordblom to approve the January 4, 2021 agenda as amended to include under New Business D. Consultant fee increase. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

#### **Call to Public:**

None present

## **Review Bills:**

Following discussion, motion Nordblom , second Hosford to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the November invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Bloomer, second Frost to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the December invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Township Board**

Westman reviewed and answered questions regarding BOT meetings held on November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Consultant:**

Lonik reported that the Washtenaw County millage was approved and that the fall monitoring had been completed without significant issues.

#### **Greenbelt:**

Bloomer reported that the Greenbelt Commission had contributed funding to purchase a 27 acre parcel to expand a currently existing preserve in Northfield Twp.

### **Old Business**

A. None

### **Closed session**

Motion Nordblom, second Bloomer to close the open session at 7:15 pm and go into closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. The WTFOSPB returned to open session and was called to order by Chair Westman at 7:36 pm.

### **New Business:**

A. Motions: None required

B. Election of officers for the balance of 2021: Motion Bloomer, second Hosford to elect John Westman to continue as Chair for 2021; roll call, all ayes motion carried. Motion Frost, second Hosford to elect Tom Bloomer to continue as Vice Chair for 2021; all ayes, Bloomer abstains, motion carried.

C. Set meeting dates for 2021: Motion Bloomer second Nordblom, to continue meeting on the second Monday of the month. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

D. Consultant fee increase. Consultant Lonik stated the he has not increased his fee for project work in the past three years. He would like to increase this fee from \$90/hr. to \$95/hr. Fees for monitoring and baseline work would remain unchanged. Chair Westman stated that any changes would have to be approved by the BOT and that an amended or renegotiated contract would be required. Motion Bloomer, second Hosford to recommend to the BOT that the PDR consultant contract be amended to increase the fee for project work from \$90/hr. to \$95/hr. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Call to Public:**

None present.

**Adjournment:**

Motion Bloomer, second Hosford to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Westman at 8:08 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is February 8, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB