



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday, January 2, 2017

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman John Westman at 6:35 pm on Monday, January 2, 2017 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chair John Westman, members, Jean Cares, Jerry Nordblom and consultant Barry Lonik.

Members absent: Tom Bloomer and Susan Cooley

Approve Minutes

Motion Nordblom, second Cares to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting of December 12, 2016 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

None

Approve Agenda

Motion Cares, second Nordblom to approve the January 2, 2017 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present

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Review Bills

Motion Cares, second Nordblom to recommend that the BOT approve the payment of the December invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land Services as presented. Roll call, all ayes,

motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

Westman reported that the ZBA held a public hearing to receive public input to help with the determination of whether or not weddings are considered agritourism. The BOT also voted to allow the former Mill Creek Sporting Goods property to be annexed by the City of Dexter. BOT meetings for 2017 will be the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The following appointments were made: Planning Commission (3 year term), Paul Zalucha, John Westman and Charles Estleman; ZBA (3 year term), Richard Kleinschmidt and Ernest Becker; Board of Review (2 year term), Steve Bemis, Rob Ewing and Dita Triske-Albert; FOSP (2 year term), Tom Bloomer and Susan Cooley; Compensation Commission (5 year term), Andrea Zamansky and Karl Fink. An ad hoc committee was appointed to investigate possibilities for improvements to Jennings Rd. Members: from the BOT, John Scharf, Carol Whitney and Gary Koch; from the community, Barbara Palkowski and Jeff Harms. Consideration of the proposed fire hall was postponed indefinitely. The expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2,500.00, for an appraisal update on property described on application 2014-4 was approved.

Consultant:

Lonik stated that the deadline for ACEP applications is February 10, 2017. Nordblom discussed the 1.8 million dollar grant under the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, (RCP). This federal funding will be used for land preservation programs in the Huron R. watershed.

Greenbelt:

No report

Old Business

A. Easement monitoring

The ongoing proposal to improve the monitoring program was discussed. A proposed budget will be presented in February.

Closed Session

Motion Nordblom, second Cares to close the open session at 7:20 pm and go into closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program.

Roll call; all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Nordblom, second Cooley to return to open session at 8:10 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

A. Motion: Motion Cares, second Nordblom to recommend to the BOT that they approve the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2,500.00, for an appraisal on property described on application 2015-3. Roll call; all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Nordblom, second Cares to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB