



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday February 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Bloomer at 4:00 p.m. on February 19, 2019 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman Tom Bloomer, members Jerry Nordblom, Julie Frost, John Westman and consultant Barry Lonik.

Members absent: Jason Wylie

Approve Minutes:

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on January 14, 2019 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chair Bloomer stated that he had given Supervisor Kingsley a list of candidates for the potential PDR board vacancy. He has not heard if there will be a recommendation at the next BOT meeting.

Approve Agenda:

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to approve the February 19, 2019 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

John Koch addressed the board regarding his concerns regarding some of the language in the proposed conservation easement on his property.

Review Bills:

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the January 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 the draft minutes from the BOT meeting held on January 15, 2019.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that no application deadline has been set for the ACEP this year. The Ann Arbor City Council is planning to review the earlier rejection of a Greenbelt property in Northfield Twp. Northfield Twp. has agreed to contribute some funding for the project. The underground storage tank has been removed from 2006-1. No contamination remains. The report has been submitted to the county. Documents for both 2011-1 and 2015-2 are being reviewed by the county.

Greenbelt:

Chair Bloomer met with director Remy Long regarding Greenbelt activities. A bus tour of Greenbelt properties is being considered.

Closed session

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to close the open session at 5:09 pm and go into closed session to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Chair Bloomer asked Westman to stay in order to participate in the discussion regarding the Koch easement issue. Westman did not participate in the remainder of the closed session due to an ongoing conflict of interest. Following the closed session Chair Bloomer called the open session to order at 5:44 pm.

Old business

A. Budget: The proposed budget for next year was discussed. No changes from the current budget were recommended.

B. Landowner discounts for C.E. purchases: Ways to encourage landowner discounts were discussed. Adjusting our scoring system to give more weight to larger discounts was discussed at length. Barry will test proposed adjustments to see how they would affect properties currently in the system. No recommendation was made.

New Business:

A. Motions as required: none

Correspondence:

None received

Call to Public:

None present.

Adjournment:

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 6:00 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: March 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB

