



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: March 12, 2018

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair Tom Bloomer at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 12, 2018 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chair Tom Bloomer, Vice Chair Jerry Nordblom, members John Westman, Susan Cooley, Julie Frost and consultant Barry Lonik.

Members absent: none

Approve Minutes

Motion Cooley, second Frost to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of February 19, 2018 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Bloomer stated that he would like to have Westman continue as a member of the preservation board. He will ask Supervisor Kingsley to reappoint Westman.

Approve Agenda

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to approve the March 12, 2018 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present

Review bills

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to recommend that the BOT approve the payment of the February invoice from Treemore Ecology and Land Services as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

Westman reported the BOT took the following actions: approved rezoning of 7495 Joy Rd. from industrial to commercial, approved annual policies for the township, approved a festival permit for St. Joseph church, approved a festival permit for Gordon Hall Days, approved an annual Murphy trailer permit, approved the disposal of obsolete voting equipment and discussed the proposed budget.

Consultant:

Lonik attended the NATAC meeting. He discussed the partners meeting, the proposed endowment fund and the possibility of a county millage renewal. He reported on his meeting with Coy Vaughn, Director of the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Department.

Greenbelt:

No report

Old Business

A. Easement monitoring. The possibility of upgrading our monitoring program to include electronic mapping as conducted by Legacy Land Conservancy was discussed at length. Lonik and Cooley will determine what equipment and applications would be required. Nordblom will ask Legacy for assistance in establishing a new protocol. This issue is ongoing with no final determination made regarding whether or not to make the change.

Closed Session

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to go into closed session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman recused himself from the closed session due to a conflict of interest.

The preservation board was reconvened in open session by Chair Bloomer at 8:47 p.m.

New Business

A. Motions: Following discussion the following motions were made. Motion Bloomer, second Frost to recommend to the BOT the approval of the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$6500, to commission a survey and environmental site assessment on property described in application 2006-1. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman abstained. Motion Bloomer, second Frost to recommend to the BOT the approval of the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2500, for an appraisal on property described in application 2017-2. All ayes, motion carried. Westman abstained.

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Nordblom, second Cooley to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB

