



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: March 11, 2019

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair Tom Bloomer at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chair Tom Bloomer, members Jerry Nordblom, Julie Frost, John Westman and consultant Barry Lonik. Also present, Diana Kern, Executive Director of the Legacy Land Conservancy

Members absent: none

Approve Minutes

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of February 19, 2019 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Bloomer introduced Diana Kern, Executive Director of the Legacy Land Conservancy. He also briefly addressed the issue of the ongoing vacancy on the PDR board.

Approve Agenda

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to approve the March 11, 2019 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

Presentation by and discussion with Diana Kern, Executive Director of the Legacy Land Conservancy.

Review Invoices

Motion Frost, second Nordblom 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 reviewed and answered questions regarding the draft minutes from the February 19, 2019 BOT meeting.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that Sue Shink has been appointed to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. There will be a working session of the Parks Commission this Thursday. There are some updates coming to the ACEP. The deadline for ACEP applications has not been set. After many years there is now some funding available from the state of Michigan. Lonik believes that we will qualify to apply for this.

Greenbelt:

No report

Old Business

Landowner discounts for C.E. purchases: The possibility of changing the scoring systems in order to place more weight on landowner contributions was discussed. Lonik provided proposed revisions to both the Agricultural and Open Space scoring systems. He will test these on current properties to see how rank and priority might be affected.

Closed Session

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to go into closed session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman did not participate in the closed session due to an ongoing conflict of interest.

The preservation board was reconvened in open session by Chair Bloomer at 8:07 p.m.

New Business

A. Motions: None required.

B. Preservation Board personnel: Chair Bloomer will speak with Supervisor Kingsley regarding potential candidates to replace former member Wylie.

C. Meeting change: Frost will be out of town on April 8th. Alternate dates were discussed. Motion Westman, second Frost to reschedule the April meeting to April 1st at 6:30 p.m. at the Webster Twp. Hall. All ayes, motion carried. Westman will post the change.

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB