



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

### **Regular Meeting: Monday April 10, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman John Westman at 6:33 p.m. on Monday April 10, 2017 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman, members Tom Bloomer, Jean Cares, Susan Cooley, Jerry Nordblom and consultant Barry Lonik.

Members absent: none

#### **Approve Minutes:**

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on March 20, 2017 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

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

None

#### **Approve Agenda:**

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve the April 10, 2017 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

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

None present

## **Review Bills:**

Motion Cares, second Bloomer to recommend that the township board of trustees approve and pay the March invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

## **Reports**

### **Township Board**

Westman reported the following BOT actions: received the Compensation Commission report, approved the budget for FY 2018, approved zoning ordinance amendments regarding road terminology, approved the annual dust control program, approved the annual insurance renewal, approved a festival permit for Gordon Hall, appointed Tammy Koch to the Planning Commission and approved a resolution to accept Webster Township Historical Society property in the event that the society were to dissolve.

### **Consultant:**

Lonik stated that he planned to attend the WCPRC meeting tomorrow afternoon.

### **Greenbelt:**

Cares reported that the Greenbelt Commission participated in a workshop reviewing the requirements of the open meetings act. Also, the Greenbelt Commission has about 5.35 million dollars available for the purchase of conservation easements.

## **Old Business**

None

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## **Closed Session:**

Motion Cares, second Nordblom to close the open session at 7:04 p.m. and go into closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Following the closed session chair Westman called the open

meeting of the WTFOSPB to order at 8:10 p.m.

## **New Business:**

### **A. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).**

The RCPP of the Legacy Land Conservancy and the Greenbelt Commission were discussed at length. We are unable to participate in the Greenbelt program as the boundary for that program overlaps the boundary of the legacy Land Conservancy program. Webster Township is included within the boundary of the Legacy Land Conservancy program.

### **B. Motions:**

Motion Cares, second Bloomer to recommend to the BOT that it approve the expenditure of PDR funds not to exceed \$50,000 for the purchase of development rights on fifty two acres of agricultural property identified on application 2011-4. Roll call. All ayes, motion carried.

### **C. Annual Report**

Lonik presented the Annual Report detailing the activities of the preservation board for FY 2017. Discussion followed. Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to receive the Annual report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

## **Correspondence:**

None received

## **Call to Public:**

None present.

## **Adjournment:**

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB

