



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: June 10, 2019

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair Tom Bloomer at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 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, Linda Hosford and consultant Barry Lonik. Also present, John Scharf, Webster Twp. Trustee.

Members absent: none

Approve Minutes

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of May 6, 2019 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Bloomer introduced new member Linda Hosford. She has received a basic orientation to our program.

Approve Agenda

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to approve the June 10, 2019 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

John Scharf stated he had questions regarding our scoring systems.

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

Reports

Township Board:

Westman reviewed and answered questions regarding the approved minutes from the April 16, 2019 and the draft minutes from the May 21, 2019 BOT meetings.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that C.E. issue with the Smith property has been resolved. Comments from the city attorney have caused a delay with the Ford-Goldsmith property. We have applied for an extension of the federal deadline to Aug. 31st. The hope is to close by June 30th.

Lonik's report addressed the following items:

1. City guidelines/required sections
2. State PDR funds (\$2 million available; we qualify to apply).
3. County guidelines update
4. RCPP meeting
5. Spring monitoring completed
6. County millage renewal
7. EQIP and WRE funding through RCPP.

Greenbelt:

Bloomer reported that the city has several good applications to review. The city has a drone which will be used for presentations and monitoring.

Old Business

Landowner discounts for C.E. purchases: After discussion it was decided that no changes to our scoring systems would be recommended. No action required.

Closed Session

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to go into closed session at 7:55 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 8:52 p.m.

New Business

A. Motions: Following discussion the following motions were made:

1. Motion Nordblom, second Frost to request the BOT to approve the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$94,000, to purchase the development rights on the Ford-Goldsmith property described in application 2011-1. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion Frost, second Nordblom, to request the BOT to approve the transfer of \$94,000 from the General Fund to the PDR Fund , no later than June 20, 2019; the loan to be paid back no later than February 1, 2020 from the proceeds from the December 2019 tax collections. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

B. Annual Report: Motion Hosford, second Nordblom to postpone discussion of the Annual Report to the July 8, 2019 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Millage renewal extension: Motion Frost, second Nordblom to postpone discussion of the millage renewal to the July 8, 2019 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

No comments.

Adjournment

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB

