



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

### **Regular Meeting: Monday June 11, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Bloomer at 6:35 p.m. on Monday June 11, 2018 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: Susan Cooley

#### **Approve Minutes:**

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on May 14, 2018 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Chair Bloomer stated that member Cooley would be absent.

#### **Approve Agenda:**

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to approve the June 11, 2018 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

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

None present.

## **Review Bills:**

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the May invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

## **Reports**

### **Township Board**

Westman reported on the following BOT actions: approved equestrian events at Cobblestone Farms on June 16<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, September 16<sup>th</sup> and October 28<sup>th</sup>; approved sending a gravel road improvement survey with the July tax statements; approved a \$250 payment to the Dexter Area Historical Society; approved three road projects at a total cost of \$199,757.80 and adopted an updated Boundary Map to reflect the rezoning of the property at the N.E. corner of Mast Road and Joy Road. Also approved were amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to replace outdated terms relating to roads with current correctly defined terms. Also approved were changes to language regarding escrows. The BOT approved the adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance section creating a Natural River Overlay District, thus allowing Webster Township to become a “local governance jurisdiction” under Michigan’s Natural Rivers program. Supervisor Kingsley appointed Kay Stremmer to fill out the balance of Erica Perry’s term on the Planning Commission. The board approved hiring Architects Design Group as supervising architect for the proposed fire hall project. The board approved the purchase of a new copy machine and the payment of \$350 to the Webster Township Historical Society. The board approved the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$3200, for a survey on property described in application 2011-1. The board postponed approval of purchasing the development rights on property 2006-1 due to an insufficient fund balance.

### **Consultant:**

Lonik reported that the 2017-1 and 2017-2 properties were back on the market. We Love Dexter provided positive coverage of our Annual Report. Dexter Township may consider placing a PDR millage proposal on the ballot. The Laski property on the corner of Mast Road and Huron River Drive may be acquired by the City of Dexter. Lonik stated he continues to have problems with the City of Ann Arbor regarding document processing for projects. Lonik reported that he, Charles Estleman and John Westman set seven posts for Preserved Land signs. Lonik and Estleman donated their time. Westman donated the posts and auger rental fee.

A discussion ensued regarding committee members interacting with partner organizations. It was decided that individuals doing so need to make it clear that the opinions expressed are not official and may not reflect those of the PDR Committee as a whole or those of the Township

Board. The Chair is the spokesman for the PDR Committee and the Supervisor is the spokesman for the Township Board.

**Greenbelt:**

No report.

**Old Business**

None.

**Closed Session:**

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to close the open session at 7:47 p.m. and go into closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman did not participate in the closed session due to a conflict of interest. Following the closed session Chair Bloomer called the open meeting of the WTFOSPB to order at 8:45 p.m.

**New Business:**

No motions required

**Correspondence:**

None received

**Call to Public:**

None present.

**Adjournment:**

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB

