



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

### **Regular Meeting: Monday December 2, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Bloomer at 6:30 p.m. on Monday December 2, 2019 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman Tom Bloomer, members, Jerry Nordblom, Julie Frost, John Westman, Linda Hosford and consultant Barry Lonik.

Members absent: None

#### **Approve Minutes:**

Motion Frost, second Hosford to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on October 14, 2019 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Chair Bloomer stated that the November meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

#### **Approve Agenda:**

Chair Bloomer asked that the agenda be amended to include meeting dates and election of officers for next year. Motion Frost, second Hosford to approve the December 2, 2019 agenda as amended to delete under new business C. Change in meeting date and include under new business: C. Meeting schedule for 2020 and D. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2020. 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 October and November invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

## **Reports**

### **Township Board**

Westman reviewed and answered questions regarding the BOT meetings held on October 15 and November 19, 2019.

### **Consultant:**

Lonik reported that Legacy Land Conservancy has agreed to include Webster Township as a partner in the Huron River Initiative funded through the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP). There will be \$1.9 million of State funding available for conservation easement purchases. During fall monitoring pieces of abandoned equipment were discovered on the Krupp trust easement. Barry will follow up to ensure removal.

### **Greenbelt:**

Remy Long has suggested that the annual bus tour of preserved properties may be eliminated due to excessive cost.

## **Closed session**

Motion Nordblom, second Hosford to close the open session at 7:11 pm and go into closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. The WTFOSPB returned to open session and was called to order by Chair Bloomer at 8:03 pm.

## **New Business**

A. Motion: Following discussion, motion Nordblom, second Frost to request that the Board of Trustees approve the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2500, for an appraisal on property described in application 2017-4. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Creation and distribution of a newsletter was discussed. Barry has a draft in hand. No action taken.

C. Meeting Schedule for 2020. Following discussion; motion Nordblom, second Hosford to continue meeting on the second Monday of each month with the exception of February when the meeting will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup>; rescheduled from February 10<sup>th</sup>. All ayes, motion carried.

D. Election of officers for 2020; motion Hosford, second Nordblom to elect John Westman as Chair and Tom bloomer as Vice Chair for 2020. All ayes, motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

A. Township millage renewal: remains postponed pending survey results. These should be available in January.

B. County millage renewal: We have no new information from the county regarding any solicitation of public input on this issue.

### **Correspondence:**

Michigan Association of Planning newsletter recognizing Peninsula Township's PDR program.

### **Call to Public:**

None present.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion Frost, second Hosford to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 8:25 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: 1/13/20.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB

