



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: July 17, 2017

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair John Westman at 6:34 pm on Monday, July 17, 2017 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chair John Westman, Vice Chair Jean Cares, members Tom Bloomer, Susan Cooley and consultant Barry Lonik. Also present, WCPRC staff members Ginny Trocchio and Rosie Pahl-Donaldson.

Members absent: Jerry Nordblom

Approve Minutes

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of June 12, 2017 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Westman introduced Ginny Trocchio, Superintendent of Parks Planning and Natural Areas and Rosie Pahl-Donaldson, Park Planner; both from the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission staff.

Approve Agenda

Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to approve the July 17, 2017 agenda as amended to add Call to Public prior to the WCPRC presentation. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

Hannah Baker addressed the preservation board regarding a property she would like to purchase contingent upon a conservation easement being completed by December 31, 2017.

WCPRC staff members Ginny Trocchio and Rosie Pahl-Donaldson presented on the county's ALPAC and Bioreserve programs.

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Review Bills

Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to recommend that the BOT approve the payment of the June invoice from Treemore Ecology and Land Services as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

Westman reported that the township audit had been completed with no deficiencies noted. Event permits for equestrian events at Cobblestone Farms were approved. The proposed fire hall was discussed with no consensus regarding building it.

Consultant:

Lonik reported on the County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. The WCPRC voted to revise the public access policy for conservation easements on open space properties to one visit per year with additional visits encouraged but not required. Lonik discussed his memo regarding the cost of purchasing a conservation easement. Lonik reported that the closings scheduled for June 30th failed to occur because of conflicts with WCPRC staff regarding documentation. The closings will be rescheduled once these issues are resolved.

Greenbelt:

No report as no meeting occurred.

Old Business

None

Closed Session

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to go into closed session at 8:02pm to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

The preservation board was reconvened in open session by Chair Westman at 8:55pm.

New Business

A. No motions required

B. Document management and submission practices.

Discussed, no action taken

C. Procedures for scheduling and managing closings

Discussed, no action taken

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Westman at 8:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB

