



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday September 9, 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 September 9, 2019 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Jerry Nordblom

Approve Minutes:

Motion Frost, second Hosford to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on August 12, 2019 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chair Bloomer stated that member Nordblom would be absent from the meeting.

Approve Agenda:

Motion Frost, second Hosford to approve the September 9, 2019 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

None present

Review Bills:

Motion Bloomer, second Frost to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the August 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 meeting held on August 20, 2019.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that the Ford-Goldsmith project closed on August 30th. Projected revenue and the current financial position of the PDR program were reviewed. Lonik reported on a meeting with Legacy Land Conservancy representatives regarding potential RCPP projects.

Greenbelt:

Chair Bloomer reported that the Greenbelt Commission is working on improving public communications and updating its website.

Closed session

Motion Hosford, second Frost to close the open session at 7:30 pm and go into closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman announced that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Department had notified him that they were interested in purchasing the development rights on his property. It was agreed that this eliminated the ongoing conflict of interest as this is now a county project rather than a township project. Therefore Westman participated in the closed session.

New Business

A. Motions: Following discussion, motion Hosford, second Frost to direct consultant Lonik to draft and submit a letter to the Legacy Land Conservancy requesting that we become a participating partner in its RCPP Federal grant program. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Greenbelt proposal: The proposed strategic planning initiative as presented by Remy Long from the Greenbelt Commission was discussed. No action taken.

Old Business:

A. Township millage renewal: remains postponed pending survey results.

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

Correspondence:

None received

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 8:45 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: 10/14/19.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB