



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: March 9, 2020

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair John Westman at 6:33 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2020 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: None

Approve Minutes

Motion Frost, second Bloomer to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting on February 17, 2020 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

None

Approve Agenda

Motion Bloomer, second Nordblom to approve the March 9, 2020 agenda amended to include, under Old Business, C. Budget recommendation. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present

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

Reports:

Township Board

Westman reviewed and answered questions regarding the draft minutes from the February 18, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting. The fire hall special meeting on February 18th was also discussed.

Consultant

Lonik reported that the USDA has still not officially approved our partnership with the Legacy Land conservancy in their RCPP. Legacy is continuing with plans to submit our 2015-2 for RCPP funding. The ACEP application deadline is March 31st. Applications for 49% funding for two properties (2014-1 and 2019-1) will be submitted.

Greenbelt

Bloomer reported that the Greenbelt Commission plans to request \$10,000,000 in RCPP funding. There was no Greenbelt Commission meeting in March as a quorum was not achieved.

Old Business:

A. County millage renewal: The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission has recommended that the County Board of Commissioners place a .25 mil “renew and restore” Land Preservation millage on the November ballot.

B. PDR newsletter: Frost and Lonik will continue work on a newsletter to be sent out with the July 2020 tax bills. The target date for completion is May 15th.

C. Budget recommendation: Following discussion, motion Bloomer, second Frost to recommend that the BOT increase the line item for mileage from \$400 to \$550. All ayes, motion carried.

Closed Session: Motion Bloomer, second Hosford to go into closed session at 7:13 p.m. to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Following the closed session Chair Westman called the open session to order at 7:55 p.m.

New Business: None

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

None present

Adjournment

As all items on the agenda were completed Chair Westman adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB