



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: November 13, 2017

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair John Westman at 6:31 pm on Monday, November 13, 2017 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chair John Westman, members Tom Bloomer, Jerry Nordblom, Julie Frost and consultant Barry Lonik. Also present, Charles Estleman

Members absent: Susan Cooley

Approve Minutes

Motion Bloomer, second Frost to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of October 9, 2017 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Westman discussed his response to Legacy regarding the "in perpetuity" discussion at the Dexter Forum. Also, the HRWC is hosting a meeting at Scio Township at 10:00 am on Friday, November 17th to provide information to townships interested in instituting PDR programs.

Approve Agenda

Motion Bloomer, second Nordblom to approve the November 13, 2017 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

No comments.

Review Bills

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

Reports

Township Board:

Westman reported the BOT took the following PDR related actions: 1. Approved the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2500, for an appraisal on property described in application 2011-1; 2. Approved the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2400, to design, print and mail a PDR newsletter with the December tax bills; 3. Approved the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$750 for ten preserved land signs.

Consultant:

Lonik stated that he had nothing to present in open session.

Greenbelt:

No report.

Old Business

- A. Newsletter. The newsletter was reviewed. It will be mailed with the December tax bills.
- B. Easement monitoring. Lonik reported that two visits need to be completed. These will be done prior to the December meeting.
- C. Storage of files. Nothing new to report.
- D. Signs. The land preservation signs have been received.

Closed Session

Motion Nordblom, second Bloomer to go into closed session at 7:37 p.m. 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 8:11 p.m.

New Business

A. No motions required.

B. Election of officers for 2018: Motion Nordblom, second Bloomer to elect John Westman as Chair for 2018. All ayes, motion carried. Motion Frost, second Bloomer to elect Jerry Nordblom as Vice Chair for 2018. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Meeting dates for 2018. Motion Westman, second Bloomer to continue meeting on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

D. Budget. The overruns on legal services, printing and mileage were discussed. Motion Bloomer, second Frost to recommend the budget be amended as follows: increase Legal Services from \$6000 to \$9000; increase Printing from \$100 to \$2500 to cover production of the newsletter and increase mileage from \$300 to \$550. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Bloomer, second Frost to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Westman at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB

