



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

### **Regular Meeting: Monday August 14, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman John Westman at 6:31 p.m. on Monday August 14, 2017 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman, members Tom Bloomer, Jean Cares, Susan Cooley, Jerry Nordblom and consultant Barry Lonik.

Members absent: None

#### **Approve Minutes:**

Motion Bloomer, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on July 17, 2017 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

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

None

#### **Approve Agenda:**

Motion Nordblom, second Bloomer to approve the August 14, 2017 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

#### **Call to Public:**

None present

## **Review Bills:**

Motion Cooley, second Nordblom to recommend that the township Board of Trustees approve and pay the July invoice from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

## **Reports**

### **Township Board**

Westman reported on the following BOT actions: approved payment of the Huron River Watershed Council annual membership dues in the amount of \$634.70 and approved placing a millage request on the November ballot for 3.4 mils for public safety for five years. The intent is to cover the projected shortfall in the current public safety fund, support capital improvements for the fire department and add additional staffing in order to reduce fire department response times, especially in the northeast quadrant of Webster Township.

### **Consultant:**

Lonik discussed the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission documents for which we are seeking templates. Lonik announced the closings on the Mast, Farrell and Heldt easements. A total of 236 acres was protected. A potential newsletter for November was discussed.

### **Greenbelt:**

Cares reported that Stefanie Stauffer has been appointed to replace Shannon Brines on the commission. Officers were elected. Jennifer Fyke will serve as Chair and John Ramsburgh will serve as Vice Chair. Ruth Thornton reported that the Greenbelt Commission has been invited to submit a full proposal for the 2018 RCPP.

## **Old Business**

None

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## **Closed Session:**

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to close the open session at 7:25 p.m. and go into closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Following the closed session Chair Westman called the open meeting of the WTFOSPB to order at 8:35 p.m.

**New Business:**

- A. No motions were required from closed session discussions
- B. WCPRC guidelines: these were briefly discussed noting that no template documents had been provided by the county. Motion Westman, second Bloomer to postpone further discussion of the guidelines until templates are received. All ayes, motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

None received

**Call to Public:**

None present.

**Adjournment:**

Motion Nordblom, second Cooley to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman  
Chair, WTFOSPB

