



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday February 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair John Westman at 6:30 p.m. on Monday February 17, 2020 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: None

Approve Minutes:

Motion Bloomer, second Frost to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on January 13, 2020 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chair Westman noted that the days are getting longer!

Approve Agenda:

Chair Westman asked that the agenda be amended to include, under new business, a discussion of potential budget recommendations. Motion Bloomer, second Hosford to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

None present

Review Bills:

Following discussion, motion Frost , second Nordblom to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the January invoice 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 on January 21st and the Special meeting held on February 10th.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that the USDA has yet to provide a letter approving our partnership with the Legacy Land Conservancy in the RCPP. Lonik reported on his attendance at the state PDR program meeting. We had the first and third highest scoring projects. Only the first (2015-2) was recommended for funding. There will be a 2 yr. window for closing. The deadline for applications to the federal program has not been announced. We will have at least 30 days notice to submit applications.

Greenbelt:

Bloomer reported that a 275 acre dairy farm in Salem Twp. will be submitted for ACEP funding. The state coordinator will ask for a special allocation to fund this large project. Lodi Twp. is closing on a 150 acre property. An adjacent 30 acre parcel is under consideration.

Old Business

A. County millage renewal: The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission has recommended that the County BOC place a .25 mil renew and restore NAPP millage on the November 2020 ballot.

B. Township millage renewal: Following extensive discussion the consensus was to make no recommendation regarding seeking additional millage this year.

C. PDR newsletter: Lonik and Frost are working on this. The target for completion is May 15th.

Closed session

Motion Bloomer, second Nordblom to close the open session at 8:17 pm and go into closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. The WTFOSPB returned to open session and was called to order by Chair Westman at 9:10 pm.

New Business:

A. Budget recommendation: After discussion it was decided that no changes to the proposed budget would be recommended. Bloomer questioned the line item regarding bank fees, \$750. Westman will investigate and report next meeting.

Correspondence:

None

Call to Public:

None present.

Adjournment:

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Westman at 9:20 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: 3/9/20.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB

