



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: January 14, 2019

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair Tom Bloomer at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 14, 2019 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Jason Wylie

Approve Minutes

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of December, 10, 2018 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Member Wylie will not attend the meeting. An error in the 2019 meeting schedule has been corrected.

Approve Agenda

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to approve the January 14, 2019 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present

Review Invoices

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to recommend that the BOT approve the payment of the December 2018 invoices 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 December 18, 2018 BOT meeting.

Consultant:

Lonik stated that C. Estleman would receive an installment payment this month. Starting on Feb. 1st Dianna Kern will be Executive Director of the Legacy Land Conservancy. If the shutdown continues it may affect project funding.

Greenbelt:

The Ann Arbor City Council rejected a Greenbelt project in Northfield Twp. The percent of funding the City was asked to provide was too high.

Old Business

Landowner discounts for C.E. purchases: The possibility of changing the scoring system in order to place more weight on landowner contributions was discussed. Lonik will provide some options.

Closed Session

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to go into closed session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman did not participate in the closed session due to an ongoing conflict of interest.

The preservation board was reconvened in open session by Chair Bloomer at 8:20 p.m.

New Business

A. Motions: None required.

B. Preservation Board personnel: Chair Bloomer will speak with Supervisor Kingsley regarding potential candidates to replace member Wylie.

C. Budget: The budget for next year was briefly discussed. A recommendation will be made in February.

D. Meeting change: Westman will be out of town on Feb 11th. Motion Westman, second Frost to reschedule the February meeting to Feb 19th at 4:00 p.m. at the Webster Twp. Hall. All ayes, motion carried. Westman will post the change.

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB