



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday, January 2, 2017

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman John Westman at 6:35 pm on Monday, January 2, 2017 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chair John Westman, members, Jean Cares, Jerry Nordblom and consultant Barry Lonik.

Members absent: Tom Bloomer and Susan Cooley

Approve Minutes

Motion Nordblom, second Cares to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting of December 12, 2016 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

None

Approve Agenda

Motion Cares, second Nordblom to approve the January 2, 2017 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present

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Review Bills

Motion Cares, second Nordblom to recommend that the BOT approve the payment of the December invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land Services as presented. Roll call, all ayes,

motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

Westman reported that the ZBA held a public hearing to receive public input to help with the determination of whether or not weddings are considered agritourism. The BOT also voted to allow the former Mill Creek Sporting Goods property to be annexed by the City of Dexter. BOT meetings for 2017 will be the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The following appointments were made: Planning Commission (3 year term), Paul Zalucha, John Westman and Charles Estleman; ZBA (3 year term), Richard Kleinschmidt and Ernest Becker; Board of Review (2 year term), Steve Bemis, Rob Ewing and Dita Triske-Albert; FOSP (2 year term), Tom Bloomer and Susan Cooley; Compensation Commission (5 year term), Andrea Zamansky and Karl Fink. An ad hoc committee was appointed to investigate possibilities for improvements to Jennings Rd. Members: from the BOT, John Scharf, Carol Whitney and Gary Koch; from the community, Barbara Palkowski and Jeff Harms. Consideration of the proposed fire hall was postponed indefinitely. The expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2,500.00, for an appraisal update on property described on application 2014-4 was approved.

Consultant:

Lonik stated that the deadline for ACEP applications is February 10, 2017. Nordblom discussed the 1.8 million dollar grant under the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, (RCP). This federal funding will be used for land preservation programs in the Huron R. watershed.

Greenbelt:

No report

Old Business

A. Easement monitoring

The ongoing proposal to improve the monitoring program was discussed. A proposed budget will be presented in February.

Closed Session

Motion Nordblom, second Cares to close the open session at 7:20 pm and go into closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program.

Roll call; all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Nordblom, second Cooley to return to open session at 8:10 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

A. Motion: Motion Cares, second Nordblom to recommend to the BOT that they approve the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2,500.00, for an appraisal on property described on application 2015-3. Roll call; all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Nordblom, second Cares to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2017

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board meeting was called to order by Chairman John Westman at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday February 15, 2017 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Susan Cooley and Jerry Nordblom

Approve Minutes:

Motion Cares, second Bloomer to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on January 2, 2017 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

Westman stated that members Cooley and Nordblom would be absent.

Approve Agenda:

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve the February 15, 2017 agenda as amended to correct the day from Monday to Wednesday. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

None present

Review Bills:

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to recommend that the township board of trustees approve and pay the January invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board

Westman stated that the BOT approved our requested expenditure not to exceed \$2,500 for an appraisal of property identified in application 2015-3.

Consultant:

Lonik stated that he has identified a target group of about thirty five properties that have potential for our program but have not submitted applications. A letter explaining the program will be mailed to these property owners in the near future. The county parks commission has about 2.7 million dollars remaining in its acquisition fund.

Greenbelt:

Cares reported that the Greenbelt Commission is working to simplify their scoring system. A bus tour of protected properties will be conducted on June 10, 2017. Graduate students from the U of M are evaluating a project to determine the economic impact of the Greenbelt.

Old Business

A. Easement monitoring

No update.

Closed Session:

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to close the open session at 7:08 p.m. 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 8:04 pm.

New Business:

A. Budget recommendation

The proposed budget for next year was discussed. Motion Cares, second Bloomer to recommend that the line item for legal expenses be increased to \$6000. All ayes, motion carried. No other changes were recommended.

B. Motions:

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to recommend to the BOT that it approve the expenditure of PDR funds not to exceed \$47,100 for the purchase of development rights on property identified on application 2009-3. Roll call. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to recommend to the BOT that it approve the expenditure of PDR funds not to exceed \$15,000 for the purchase of development rights on property identified on application 2011-4. Roll call. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to recommend to the BOT that it approve the expenditure of PDR funds not to exceed \$206,630 for the purchase of development rights on property identified on application 2015-1. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence:

None received

Call to Public:

None present.

Adjournment:

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday, March 20, 2017

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman John Westman at 6:34 pm on Monday, March 20, 2017 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chair John Westman, members, Tom Bloomer, Jean Cares, Susan Cooley, Jerry Nordblom and consultant Barry Lonik. Also present were Trustee John Scharf and Ruth Thornton from the Ann Arbor Greenbelt Commission.

Members absent: none

Approve Minutes

Motion Nordblom, second Cooley to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting of February 15, 2017 as presented. Member Cares asked that the Greenbelt report be amended to substitute the word review for simplify on the first line. Members Nordblom and Cooley agreed to an amended motion. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

None. Lonik introduced Ruth Thornton from the Ann Arbor Greenbelt Commission.

Approve Agenda

Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to approve the March 20, 2017 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

Ruth Thornton presented information regarding the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). This is a federal program run through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The Greenbelt Commission is soliciting local land preservation groups, including

the Wester Township Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program, to participate in a joint grant proposal for RCPP funding. Discussion and a recommendation will be placed on the April agenda.

Review Bills

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

Reports

Township Board:

Westman reported that the BOT approved all three PDR funding recommendations as made in February. Also approved were a festival permit for St. Joseph Church, Annual Policy statement for 2017-2018 and an escrow refund to Mill Creek Outdoor Adventure. A resolution in support of invasive mute swan control failed to pass.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that the County Parks Commission continues to insist upon up to four annual visits to open space easement properties. No final action on the proposed \$16,000,000 endowment.

Greenbelt:

No report

Old Business

A. Easement monitoring

The ongoing proposal to improve the monitoring program was discussed. The new system tested this year will be used for all properties next fiscal year.

Closed Session

Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to close the open session at 7:34 pm and go into closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program.

Roll call; all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to return to open session at 8:40 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

A. Motion: Motion Westman, second Bloomer to return to the initial meeting schedule of the second Monday of the month unless changed the month before. After discussion; all ayes, motion carried. The next meeting will be on April 10, 2017.

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday April 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman John Westman at 6:33 p.m. on Monday April 10, 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 Cares to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on March 20, 2017 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

None

Approve Agenda:

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve the April 10, 2017 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

None present

Review Bills:

Motion Cares, second Bloomer to recommend that the township board of trustees approve and pay the March invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board

Westman reported the following BOT actions: received the Compensation Commission report, approved the budget for FY 2018, approved zoning ordinance amendments regarding road terminology, approved the annual dust control program, approved the annual insurance renewal, approved a festival permit for Gordon Hall, appointed Tammy Koch to the Planning Commission and approved a resolution to accept Webster Township Historical Society property in the event that the society were to dissolve.

Consultant:

Lonik stated that he planned to attend the WCPRC meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Greenbelt:

Cares reported that the Greenbelt Commission participated in a workshop reviewing the requirements of the open meetings act. Also, the Greenbelt Commission has about 5.35 million dollars available for the purchase of conservation easements.

Old Business

None

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Closed Session:

Motion Cares, second Nordblom to close the open session at 7:04 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 8:10 p.m.

New Business:

A. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

The RCPP of the Legacy Land Conservancy and the Greenbelt Commission were discussed at length. We are unable to participate in the Greenbelt program as the boundary for that program overlaps the boundary of the legacy Land Conservancy program. Webster Township is included within the boundary of the Legacy Land Conservancy program.

B. Motions:

Motion Cares, second Bloomer to recommend to the BOT that it approve the expenditure of PDR funds not to exceed \$50,000 for the purchase of development rights on fifty two acres of agricultural property identified on application 2011-4. Roll call. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Annual Report

Lonik presented the Annual Report detailing the activities of the preservation board for FY 2017. Discussion followed. Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to receive the Annual report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence:

None received

Call to Public:

None present.

Adjournment:

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB



**Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board
Special Meeting April 20, 2017**

The special meeting of the WTFOSPB was called to order by Chairman John Westman at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday April 20, 2017 at the Webster Township Hall at 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 41830

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

Agenda

Chairman Westman stated that the Special Meeting agenda was restricted to property visits as not all board members were present. Motion Nordblom, second Cares to approve the single item agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to public

None present

Closed Session

Motion Cares, second Nordblom to go into closed session at 10:35 a.m. in order to conduct confidential visits to properties nominated by application to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Upon return to the township hall Vice Chair Cares called the meeting of the WTFOSPB to order at 1:40 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion Cooley, second Nordblom to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Vice Chair Cares declared the meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m. as Chair Westman did not return to the township hall following the property visits.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman, Chair WTFOSPB



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: May 8, 2017

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Vice Chair Jean Cares at 6:37 pm on Monday, May 8, 2017 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Vice Chair Jean Cares, Susan Cooley, Jerry Nordblom and consultant Barry Lonik.

Members absent: John Westman and Tom Bloomer

Approve Minutes

Motion Cooley, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of April 10, 2017 and the special meeting on April 20, 2017 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

None.

Approve Agenda

Motion Cooley, second Nordblom to approve the May 8, 2017 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present

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Review Bills

Motion Nordblom, second Cooley to recommend that the BOT approve the payment of the

April invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land Services as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

No report

Consultant:

Lonik reported on the County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Greenbelt:

No report

Old Business

A. Property visits

Motion Nordblom, second Cooley to go into closed session at 7:25 pm to discuss the confidential property visits conducted on April 20th and to set priorities based upon budget considerations. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried

Closed Session

The board remained in closed session in order to discuss and prioritize confidential applications to the PDR program.

The board was reconvened in open session by Vice Chair Cares at 8:20 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

A. None

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Nordblom, second Cooley to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Vice chair Cares at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday June 12, 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 June 12, 2017 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Susan Cooley

Approve Minutes:

Motion Cares, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on May 8, 2017 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

Westman thanked Vice Chair Cares for conducting the May 8th meeting.

Approve Agenda:

Motion Cares, second Nordblom to approve the June 12, 2017 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

None present

Review Bills:

Motion Cares, second Bloomer to recommend that the township board of trustees approve and pay the May invoices 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 \$12,750 contribution to support WAVE operations in Webster Twp., approved a \$83,177.90 contract with the W.C.R.C. for work on N. Delhi Rd. from Joy Rd. to the Scio Twp. Line, approved signing of the Comcast franchise agreement at a rate of 5%, appointed Charles Estleman to the ZBA, granted a permit to Ryan Nixon for a fireworks display on June 24th and approved the expenditure, not to exceed \$1500, to cover attorney fees for legal advice on removing landing strips as a special use in the Ag. District from the Zoning Ordinance.

Consultant:

Lonik stated that he planned to attend the WCPRC meeting tomorrow afternoon. Public access requirements for conservation easements are on the agenda. The RCPP for the Legacy Land Conservancy was reviewed and discussed.

Greenbelt:

Cares reported on a joint meeting between the Greenbelt Commission and the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. Cares also reported on the ongoing graduate student project to evaluate the economic impact of the Greenbelt program

Old Business

None

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Closed Session:

Motion Bloomer, second Nordblom to close the open session at 7:34 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 8:25 p.m.

New Business:

Chair Westman announced that he will be out of town on July 10th and asked Vice Chair Cares if she would be available to conduct the scheduled meeting. As Cares will not be available; moving the meeting to July 17th was discussed. Motion Westman, second Cares to reschedule the meeting from July 10th to July 17th. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence:

None received

Call to Public:

None present.

Adjournment:

Motion Bloomer, second Nordblom to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: July 17, 2017

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair John Westman at 6:34 pm on Monday, July 17, 2017 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chair John Westman, Vice Chair Jean Cares, members Tom Bloomer, Susan Cooley and consultant Barry Lonik. Also present, WCPRC staff members Ginny Trocchio and Rosie Pahl-Donaldson.

Members absent: Jerry Nordblom

Approve Minutes

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of June 12, 2017 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Westman introduced Ginny Trocchio, Superintendent of Parks Planning and Natural Areas and Rosie Pahl-Donaldson, Park Planner; both from the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission staff.

Approve Agenda

Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to approve the July 17, 2017 agenda as amended to add Call to Public prior to the WCPRC presentation. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

Hannah Baker addressed the preservation board regarding a property she would like to purchase contingent upon a conservation easement being completed by December 31, 2017.

WCPRC staff members Ginny Trocchio and Rosie Pahl-Donaldson presented on the county's ALPAC and Bioreserve programs.

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Review Bills

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

Reports

Township Board:

Westman reported that the township audit had been completed with no deficiencies noted. Event permits for equestrian events at Cobblestone Farms were approved. The proposed fire hall was discussed with no consensus regarding building it.

Consultant:

Lonik reported on the County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. The WCPRC voted to revise the public access policy for conservation easements on open space properties to one visit per year with additional visits encouraged but not required. Lonik discussed his memo regarding the cost of purchasing a conservation easement. Lonik reported that the closings scheduled for June 30th failed to occur because of conflicts with WCPRC staff regarding documentation. The closings will be rescheduled once these issues are resolved.

Greenbelt:

No report as no meeting occurred.

Old Business

None

Closed Session

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to go into closed session at 8:02pm 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 8:55pm.

New Business

A. No motions required

B. Document management and submission practices.

Discussed, no action taken

C. Procedures for scheduling and managing closings

Discussed, no action taken

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Westman at 8:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: September 18, 2017

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair John Westman at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 18, 2017 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chair John Westman, members Tom Bloomer, Susan Cooley and consultant Barry Lonik.

Members absent: Jerry Nordblom, Jean Cares (resigned in August)

Approve Minutes

Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of August 14, 2017 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Westman reminded everyone that the meeting needed to conclude before 7:00 p.m. because of a special meeting of the planning commission. Julie Frost will be appointed to the WTFOSPB tomorrow night but may not be able to attend meetings until November.

Approve Agenda

Motion Cooley, second Bloomer to approve the September 18, 2017 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present

Review Bills

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

Reports

Township Board:

Westman reported that the BOT approved a permit for the Webster Fall Festival.

Consultant:

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

Greenbelt:

No report as Jean Cares has resigned from the WTFOSPB. Member Cooley agreed to do this report in the future.

Old Business

None

Closed Session

Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to go into closed session at 6:17 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 6:50 p.m.

New Business

A. Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to recommend the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2500, for an appraisal on property described in application 2006-1. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

B. Proposed newsletter. Discussed briefly, no action taken.

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Westman at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday October 9, 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 October 9, 2017 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: None

Approve Minutes:

Motion Cooley, second Bloomer to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on September 18, 2017 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chair Westman introduced new board member Julie Frost. He further reported on attending the Legacy Land Conservancy reception.

Approve Agenda:

Motion Cooley, second Bloomer to approve the October 9, 2017 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

None present

Review Bills:

Motion Bloomer, second Nordblom to recommend that the township Board of Trustees approve and pay the September 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 Charter franchise renewal, approved the decline of current public safety millage if new millage passes, approved a resolution to oppose opening Mystic Ridge to Scully Rd., approved a PDR appraisal on property 2006-1 and approved the appointment of Julie Frost to the WTFOSPB.

Consultant:

Lonik discussed the HRWC initiative to help townships with establishing PDR programs. Lonik discussed his meeting with Dexter Township Supervisor Harley Rider regarding a millage proposal to fund a PDR program for Dexter Township.

Greenbelt:

No report. Susan will work on this.

Old Business

Newsletter

The proposed newsletter was discussed. Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to ask the BOT approve funding for the design, printing and distribution of a PDR newsletter. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Closed Session:

Motion Nordblom, second Cooley 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 8:31 p.m.

New Business:

A. Following discussion in closed session: motion Bloomer, second Frost to request funding, not to exceed \$2500, for an appraisal, on property described in application 2011-1. Roll Call, all ayes, motion carried.

B. Purchase of PDR signs. Following discussion, motion Bloomer, second Cooley to request the purchase of 10 signs at a cost of \$75 per sign. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

C. Easement monitoring. Lonik reported that monitoring is in progress, to be completed by Nov. 30th.

D. Duplication and storage of files was discussed. Lonik will provide a plan for access to his files should he become incapacitated. This is a work in progress, no action taken.

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



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



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday December 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman John Westman at 6:40 p.m. on Monday December 11, 2017 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman, members Tom Bloomer, Susan Cooley, Jerry Nordblom, and consultant Barry Lonik. Also present, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moore.

Members absent: Julie Frost

Approve Minutes:

Motion Nordblom, second Cooley to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on November 13, 2017 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chair Westman announced that members Nordblom and Frost would be considered for reappointment to the preservation board by the BOT at the December meeting.

Approve Agenda:

Motion Cooley, second Bloomer to approve the December 11, 2017 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

No comments offered.

Review Bills:

Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to recommend that the township Board of Trustees approve and pay the November invoices 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 a resolution asking the Washtenaw County Road Commission to investigate the improvement of traffic flow and funding for the Mast, Huron R. Drive, Joy Rd. intersection; discussed creating a Social Media Policy for township employees and officials; approved a Special Use Permit revision for the Dexter United Methodist Church project and approved a private road application for Arlington Woods.

Consultant:

Lonik discussed the potential for a single issue audit should we exceed \$750,000 in federal grant money for the year. We will not reach that level so there will not be a problem.

Greenbelt:

No report. Susan will work on this for next month.

Old Business

A. Easement monitoring: minor clean-up required at an old dump site on the Loren Estleman property. Lonik will provide a complete report at the next meeting.

Closed Session:

Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to close the open session at 7:24 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 8:45 p.m.

New Business:

A. Following discussion in closed session: motion Bloomer, second Nordblom to request that the BOT approve the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$1000, for an updated appraisal on property identified in application 2010-4. Roll Call, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence:

None received

Call to Public:

None present.

Adjournment:

Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.
The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB



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

