



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



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday February 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Bloomer at 4:00 p.m. on February 19, 2019 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Jason Wylie

Approve Minutes:

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on January 14, 2019 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chair Bloomer stated that he had given Supervisor Kingsley a list of candidates for the potential PDR board vacancy. He has not heard if there will be a recommendation at the next BOT meeting.

Approve Agenda:

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to approve the February 19, 2019 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

John Koch addressed the board regarding his concerns regarding some of the language in the proposed conservation easement on his property.

Review Bills:

Motion Frost, second Nordblom 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 reviewed and answered questions regarding the draft minutes from the BOT meeting held on January 15, 2019.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that no application deadline has been set for the ACEP this year. The Ann Arbor City Council is planning to review the earlier rejection of a Greenbelt property in Northfield Twp. Northfield Twp. has agreed to contribute some funding for the project. The underground storage tank has been removed from 2006-1. No contamination remains. The report has been submitted to the county. Documents for both 2011-1 and 2015-2 are being reviewed by the county.

Greenbelt:

Chair Bloomer met with director Remy Long regarding Greenbelt activities. A bus tour of Greenbelt properties is being considered.

Closed session

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to close the open session at 5:09 pm and go into closed session to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Chair Bloomer asked Westman to stay in order to participate in the discussion regarding the Koch easement issue. Westman did not participate in the remainder of the closed session due to an ongoing conflict of interest. Following the closed session Chair Bloomer called the open session to order at 5:44 pm.

Old business

A. Budget: The proposed budget for next year was discussed. No changes from the current budget were recommended.

B. Landowner discounts for C.E. purchases: Ways to encourage landowner discounts were discussed. Adjusting our scoring system to give more weight to larger discounts was discussed at length. Barry will test proposed adjustments to see how they would affect properties currently in the system. No recommendation was made.

New Business:

A. Motions as required: none

Correspondence:

None received

Call to Public:

None present.

Adjournment:

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 6:00 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: March 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: March 11, 2019

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair Tom Bloomer at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 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. Also present, Diana Kern, Executive Director of the Legacy Land Conservancy

Members absent: none

Approve Minutes

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of February 19, 2019 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Bloomer introduced Diana Kern, Executive Director of the Legacy Land Conservancy. He also briefly addressed the issue of the ongoing vacancy on the PDR board.

Approve Agenda

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to approve the March 11, 2019 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

Presentation by and discussion with Diana Kern, Executive Director of the Legacy Land Conservancy.

Review Invoices

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to recommend that the BOT approve the payment of the February invoice 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 February 19, 2019 BOT meeting.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that Sue Shink has been appointed to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. There will be a working session of the Parks Commission this Thursday. There are some updates coming to the ACEP. The deadline for ACEP applications has not been set. After many years there is now some funding available from the state of Michigan. Lonik believes that we will qualify to apply for this.

Greenbelt:

No report

Old Business

Landowner discounts for C.E. purchases: The possibility of changing the scoring systems in order to place more weight on landowner contributions was discussed. Lonik provided proposed revisions to both the Agricultural and Open Space scoring systems. He will test these on current properties to see how rank and priority might be affected.

Closed Session

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to go into closed session at 7:35 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 8:07 p.m.

New Business

A. Motions: None required.

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

C. Meeting change: Frost will be out of town on April 8th. Alternate dates were discussed. Motion Westman, second Frost to reschedule the April meeting to April 1st at 6:30 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 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday May 6, 2019

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Bloomer at 6:30 p.m. on Monday May 6, 2019 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: None

Approve Minutes:

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on March 11, 2019 as presented. All ayes, motion carried. There was no meeting held in April.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chair Bloomer reported on a conference call he and Barry had with Ginny Trocchio and Coy Vaughn regarding communication and the resolution of procedural issues.

Approve Agenda:

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to approve the May 6, 2019 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

None present

Review Bills:

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the March invoice from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Nordblom, second Frost to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the April 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 BOT meetings held on March 19, 2019 and April 16, 2019.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that the Sun Times had an article covering the Smith project which closed on March 19th. Problems with the difference between the legal descriptions in the P.A. and C.E. are being resolved. Ford-Goldsmith is moving forward with the closing projected on or before June 30th. Part of Base Lake farms (250 acres) closed on April 11th. Monitoring will commence with half the properties visited this spring; the other half in the fall.

Greenbelt:

Chair Bloomer announced that Jean Cares will be leaving the Greenbelt Commission. Rosanne Bloomer will be assuming the position in June.

Closed session

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to close the open session at 7:30 pm and go into closed session in order 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. Following the closed session Chair Bloomer called the open session to order at 8:10 pm.

Old business

A. Landowner discounts for C.E. purchases: Ways to encourage landowner discounts were discussed. The possibility of getting an up-front commitment from the land owner in order to gain points on the application was suggested. No action was taken.

New Business:

A. Motions as required: none

B. Borrowing from the General Fund: Westman will advise the BOT that we may be requesting up to \$225,000 in order to complete projects this year. The loan would be paid back with December 2019 tax collections. No request will be made at this time.

Correspondence:

None received

Call to Public:

None present.

Adjournment:

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 8:30 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: June 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: June 10, 2019

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair Tom Bloomer at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 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, Linda Hosford and consultant Barry Lonik. Also present, John Scharf, Webster Twp. Trustee.

Members absent: none

Approve Minutes

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of May 6, 2019 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Bloomer introduced new member Linda Hosford. She has received a basic orientation to our program.

Approve Agenda

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to approve the June 10, 2019 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

John Scharf stated he had questions regarding our scoring systems.

Review Invoices : Motion Frost, second Nordblom to recommend that the BOT approve the payment of the May 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 approved minutes from the April 16, 2019 and the draft minutes from the May 21, 2019 BOT meetings.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that C.E. issue with the Smith property has been resolved. Comments from the city attorney have caused a delay with the Ford-Goldsmith property. We have applied for an extension of the federal deadline to Aug. 31st. The hope is to close by June 30th.

Lonik's report addressed the following items:

1. City guidelines/required sections
2. State PDR funds (\$2 million available; we qualify to apply).
3. County guidelines update
4. RCPP meeting
5. Spring monitoring completed
6. County millage renewal
7. EQIP and WRE funding through RCPP.

Greenbelt:

Bloomer reported that the city has several good applications to review. The city has a drone which will be used for presentations and monitoring.

Old Business

Landowner discounts for C.E. purchases: After discussion it was decided that no changes to our scoring systems would be recommended. No action required.

Closed Session

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to go into closed session at 7:55 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 8:52 p.m.

New Business

A. Motions: Following discussion the following motions were made:

1. Motion Nordblom, second Frost to request the BOT to approve the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$94,000, to purchase the development rights on the Ford-Goldsmith property described in application 2011-1. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion Frost, second Nordblom, to request the BOT to approve the transfer of \$94,000 from the General Fund to the PDR Fund , no later than June 20, 2019; the loan to be paid back no later than February 1, 2020 from the proceeds from the December 2019 tax collections. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

B. Annual Report: Motion Hosford, second Nordblom to postpone discussion of the Annual Report to the July 8, 2019 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Millage renewal extension: Motion Frost, second Nordblom to postpone discussion of the millage renewal to the July 8, 2019 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

No comments.

Adjournment

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday July 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Bloomer at 6:30 p.m. on Monday July 8, 2019 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Julie Frost

Approve Minutes:

Motion Nordblom, second Hosford to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on June 10, 2019 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chair Bloomer stated that member Frost would be absent from the meeting.

Approve Agenda:

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to approve the July 8, 2019 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

None present

Review Bills:

Motion Nordblom, second Hosford to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the June invoices 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 held on June 18, 2019.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that the Ford-Goldsmith project is moving forward. The closing is required to occur no later than August 31, 2019.

Greenbelt:

Chair Bloomer reported that the Greenbelt Commission is reviewing the strategic plan and is planning information programs for Ann Arbor residents.

Closed session

Motion Hosford, second Nordblom 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. Westman did not participate in the closed session due to an ongoing conflict of interest. Following the closed session Chair Bloomer called the open session to order at 7:45 pm.

Old business

A. None

New Business:

A. Motions: none

B. Lonik presented the Annual Report. Following review and discussion; motion Hosford, second Nordblom to receive the Annual Report and direct member Westman to present the report to the Board of Trustees. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Millage renewal recommendation. Following discussion; motion Hosford, second Nordblom to postpone making a recommendation until results from the township survey are available for review.

D. County millage renewal. Discussed.

Correspondence:

None received

Call to Public:

None present.

Adjournment:

Motion Nordblom, second Hosford to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 8:38 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: August 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: August 12, 2019

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair Tom Bloomer at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 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, Linda Hosford and consultant Barry Lonik. Also present, Remy Long, Ann Arbor Greenbelt Advisory Commission Program Manager.

Members absent: none

Approve Minutes

Motion Frost, second Hosford to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of July 8, 2019 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Bloomer introduced Remy Long from the Ann Arbor Greenbelt Commission. He reported that staff members from the U.S. Senate Agricultural Committee and U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow's office visited his farm as part of a preserved farms tour.

Approve Agenda

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to approve the August 12, 2019 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

Remy Long gave a presentation on the City of Ann Arbor Greenbelt Program: Strategic Plan Overview. Following his presentation he solicited input regarding program priorities.

Review Invoices : Motion Frost, second Nordblom to recommend that the BOT approve the payment of the July 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 approved minutes from the July 19, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting.

Consultant

Lonik reported on a Sun Times article regarding a PDR project in Scio Twp. He met with Legacy Land Conservancy representatives regarding potential RCPP projects. Ford-Goldmith is awaiting federal approval but projected to close by August 31st.

Greenbelt

Discussed above

Closed Session:

Motion Nordblom, second Hosford to go into closed session at 7:52 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 8:10 p.m.

Old Business

- A. Millage renewal, postponed awaiting survey results.
- B. County millage renewal, no further discussion.

New Business:

No motions required

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

None present

Adjournment

Motion Nordblom, second Hosford to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday September 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Bloomer at 6:30 p.m. on Monday September 9, 2019 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Jerry Nordblom

Approve Minutes:

Motion Frost, second Hosford to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on August 12, 2019 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chair Bloomer stated that member Nordblom would be absent from the meeting.

Approve Agenda:

Motion Frost, second Hosford to approve the September 9, 2019 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

None present

Review Bills:

Motion Bloomer, second Frost to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the August invoices 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 held on August 20, 2019.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that the Ford-Goldsmith project closed on August 30th. Projected revenue and the current financial position of the PDR program were reviewed. Lonik reported on a meeting with Legacy Land Conservancy representatives regarding potential RCPP projects.

Greenbelt:

Chair Bloomer reported that the Greenbelt Commission is working on improving public communications and updating its website.

Closed session

Motion Hosford, second Frost to close the open session at 7:30 pm and go into closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman announced that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Department had notified him that they were interested in purchasing the development rights on his property. It was agreed that this eliminated the ongoing conflict of interest as this is now a county project rather than a township project. Therefore Westman participated in the closed session.

New Business

A. Motions: Following discussion, motion Hosford, second Frost to direct consultant Lonik to draft and submit a letter to the Legacy Land Conservancy requesting that we become a participating partner in its RCPP Federal grant program. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Greenbelt proposal: The proposed strategic planning initiative as presented by Remy Long from the Greenbelt Commission was discussed. No action taken.

Old Business:

A. Township millage renewal: remains postponed pending survey results.

B. County millage renewal: We have no new information from the county regarding any solicitation of public input on this issue.

Correspondence:

None received

Call to Public:

None present.

Adjournment:

Motion Frost, second Hosford to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 8:45 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: 10/14/19.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday December 2, 2019

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Bloomer at 6:30 p.m. on Monday December 2, 2019 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: None

Approve Minutes:

Motion Frost, second Hosford to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on October 14, 2019 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chair Bloomer stated that the November meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

Approve Agenda:

Chair Bloomer asked that the agenda be amended to include meeting dates and election of officers for next year. Motion Frost, second Hosford to approve the December 2, 2019 agenda as amended to delete under new business C. Change in meeting date and include under new business: C. Meeting schedule for 2020 and D. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2020. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

None present

Review Bills:

Motion Nordblom , second Frost to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the October and November invoices 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 meetings held on October 15 and November 19, 2019.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that Legacy Land Conservancy has agreed to include Webster Township as a partner in the Huron River Initiative funded through the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP). There will be \$1.9 million of State funding available for conservation easement purchases. During fall monitoring pieces of abandoned equipment were discovered on the Krupp trust easement. Barry will follow up to ensure removal.

Greenbelt:

Remy Long has suggested that the annual bus tour of preserved properties may be eliminated due to excessive cost.

Closed session

Motion Nordblom, second Hosford to close the open session at 7:11 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 Bloomer at 8:03 pm.

New Business

A. Motion: Following discussion, motion Nordblom, second Frost to request that the Board of Trustees approve the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2500, for an appraisal on property described in application 2017-4. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Creation and distribution of a newsletter was discussed. Barry has a draft in hand. No action taken.

C. Meeting Schedule for 2020. Following discussion; motion Nordblom, second Hosford to continue meeting on the second Monday of each month with the exception of February when the meeting will be held on February 17th; rescheduled from February 10th. All ayes, motion carried.

D. Election of officers for 2020; motion Hosford, second Nordblom to elect John Westman as Chair and Tom bloomer as Vice Chair for 2020. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

A. Township millage renewal: remains postponed pending survey results. These should be available in January.

B. County millage renewal: We have no new information from the county regarding any solicitation of public input on this issue.

Correspondence:

Michigan Association of Planning newsletter recognizing Peninsula Township's PDR program.

Call to Public:

None present.

Adjournment:

Motion Frost, second Hosford to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 8:25 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: 1/13/20.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB



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



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: March 9, 2020

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair John Westman at 6:33 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2020 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: None

Approve Minutes

Motion Frost, second Bloomer to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting on February 17, 2020 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

None

Approve Agenda

Motion Bloomer, second Nordblom to approve the March 9, 2020 agenda amended to include, under Old Business, C. Budget recommendation. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present

Review Invoices: Motion Bloomer, second Frost to recommend that the BOT approve the payment of the February invoice 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 February 18, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting. The fire hall special meeting on February 18th was also discussed.

Consultant

Lonik reported that the USDA has still not officially approved our partnership with the Legacy Land conservancy in their RCPP. Legacy is continuing with plans to submit our 2015-2 for RCPP funding. The ACEP application deadline is March 31st. Applications for 49% funding for two properties (2014-1 and 2019-1) will be submitted.

Greenbelt

Bloomer reported that the Greenbelt Commission plans to request \$10,000,000 in RCPP funding. There was no Greenbelt Commission meeting in March as a quorum was not achieved.

Old Business:

A. County millage renewal: The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission has recommended that the County Board of Commissioners place a .25 mil “renew and restore” Land Preservation millage on the November ballot.

B. PDR newsletter: Frost and Lonik will continue work on a newsletter to be sent out with the July 2020 tax bills. The target date for completion is May 15th.

C. Budget recommendation: Following discussion, motion Bloomer, second Frost to recommend that the BOT increase the line item for mileage from \$400 to \$550. All ayes, motion carried.

Closed Session: Motion Bloomer, second Hosford to go into closed session at 7:13 p.m. to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Following the closed session Chair Westman called the open session to order at 7:55 p.m.

New Business: None

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

None present

Adjournment

As all items on the agenda were completed Chair Westman adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Member, WTFOSPB



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday June 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair John Westman at 6:37 p.m. on Monday June 8, 2020 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130. Masks were required and appropriate social distancing was observed.

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

Members absent: None

Approve Minutes:

Motion Frost, second Hosford to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on March 9, 2020 as presented. All ayes, motion carried. There were no meetings held in April or May.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chair Westman thanked everyone for attending.

Approve Agenda:

Motion Bloomer, second Hosford to approve the June 8, 2020 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

No comments

Review Bills:

Following discussion, motion Frost , second Bloomer to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the March invoice from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Bloomer, second Frost to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the April invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Frost, second Hosford 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 reviewed and answered questions regarding the BOT meetings held on March 17th and April 21st. There was no BOT meeting in May.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that the USDA has yet to provide a letter approving our partnership with the Legacy Land Conservancy in the Huron River RCPP. Remy Long is pursuing 10 million dollars in RCPP funding with the goal of improving the water quality of Lake Erie. The County BOC has approved placing a renewal of the land preservation millage on the November ballot. Lonik reviewed the results of his spring property monitoring visits. There were a couple of minor issues that are being resolved with the respective property owners.

Greenbelt:

Bloomer reported that the Greenbelt Commission has recently closed on seven parcels totaling 432 acres. Four additional properties are being pursued: two in Superior Twp., one in Salem Twp. and one in Ann Arbor Twp.

Old Business

A. PDR Newsletter: After final review; motion Bloomer, second Hosford to forward the proposed newsletter to the Twp. BOT for final approval and inclusion in the July tax statements. All ayes, motion carried. Thanks to Julie Frost for all her hard work on this.

Closed session

Motion Hosford, second Frost 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. Charles Estleman did not participate in the closed session. The WTFOSPB returned to open session and was called to order by Chair Westman at 8:44 pm.

New Business:

A. Motion: Following discussion: Motion Bloomer, second Frost to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2,300, for an environmental site assessment on property described in application 2015-2. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

B. Open Meeting requirements: The requirements for holding open public meetings were reviewed and discussed.

C. Easement violation: A potential easement violation was discussed. Lonik will address the situation in his monitoring report to the property owner. The problem is not likely to recur.

D. Annual Report: Lonik presented the Annual Report. Unfortunately Westman did not print the entire report for the board to review. Motion Westman, second Frost to postpone consideration of the Annual Report until the July meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Call to Public:

None present.

Adjournment:

Motion Bloomer, second Hosford to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Westman at 9:30 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: July 13, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB



**Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board
Special Meeting: September 11, 2020**

A special meeting of the WTFOSPB was called to order by Chairman John Westman at 6:30 pm on Friday September 11, 2020 at the Webster Township Hall at 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 41830

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

Agenda

Chair Westman stated that the Special Meeting agenda was restricted to discussing an updated appraisal on property 2015-1 and reviewing a proposed RCPP funding commitment letter as not all board members were present. Motion Frost, second Bloomer to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public: None present

Updated appraisal on 2015-2

Following discussion: Motion Frost, second Bloomer to ask the Township Board to approve the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$1000, for an updated appraisal on property identified in application 2015-2. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Review proposed RCPP funding commitment letter

Following discussion: Motion Bloomer, second Frost to ask the Township Board to authorize Supervisor Kingsley to sign a letter supporting a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) agreement between Webster Township and the Ann Arbor Greenbelt Commission. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion Bloomer, second Nordblom to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman, Chair WTFOSPB



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday October 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair John Westman at 6:35 p.m. on Monday October 12, 2020 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130. Masks were required and appropriate social distancing was observed.

Members present: Chair John Westman, Vice Chair Tom Bloomer, member Linda Hosford and consultant Barry Lonik.

Members absent: Julie Frost and Jerry Nordblom

Approve Minutes:

Motion Bloomer, second Hosford to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSP Board meeting held on July 13, 2020 as presented. All ayes, motion carried. Motion Bloomer, second Hosford to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 11, 2020. All ayes, motion carried. There were no meetings held in August.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chair Westman thanked those attending.

Approve Agenda:

Motion Bloomer, second Hosford to approve the October 12, 2020 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

None present

Review Bills:

Following discussion, motion Hosford , second Bloomer to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the August invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Bloomer, second Hosford to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the September invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

REPORTS:

Township Board

Westman reviewed and answered questions regarding BOT meetings held on July 21, August 18 and September 15, 2020.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that Washtenaw County will have a renewal of the land preservation millage on the November ballot. Fall monitoring letters will be sent with visits to follow. Nine properties will be reviewed. Monitoring will be completed before November 15th.

Greenbelt:

No report

Old Business

A. None

Closed session

Motion Hosford, second Bloomer to close the open session at 7:14 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 7:40 pm.

New Business:

A. Motions: None required

Correspondence:

None

Call to Public:

None present.

Adjournment:

Motion Bloomer, second Hosford to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Westman at 7:42 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: November 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: November 9, 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, November 9, 2020 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130. Masks were required and appropriate social distancing was observed.

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

Members absent: Julie Frost

Approve Minutes

Motion Bloomer, second Hosford to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting on October 12, 2020 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Westman announced that he had been reelected to the BOT. Two new trustees, Shelly Versk and Jeff Harms, were also elected.

Approve Agenda

Motion Bloomer, second Nordblom to approve the November 9, 2020 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present

Review Invoices

Motion Bloomer, second Hosford to recommend that the BOT approve the payment of the October invoices 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 October 20th and the special meeting on October 23d.

Consultant

Lonik reported that the RCPP deadline has been extended to Nov. 30th. The county millage passed. It will generate \$4.4 million the first year. Fall monitoring visits have started with the goal of completion before Nov 15th.

Greenbelt

No update.

Old Business:

A. None

Closed Session:

Motion Hosford, second Bloomer to go into closed session at 7:05 p.m. 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 session to order at 7:25 p.m.

New Business:

A. Motions:

1. After discussion; motion Bloomer, second Hosford to recommend that the BOT approve the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$225,000, toward the purchase of development rights on property described in application 2015-2. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.
2. After discussion; motion Bloomer, second Nordblom to recommend that the BOT approve the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2,500, for an appraisal of property described in application 2014-1.

B. Review of the land preservation language in proposed Master Plan update:

Language submitted by the Planning Commission for review by the WTFOSPB was discussed. Hosford had questions regarding sections 5.12 and 5.13. Chair Westman will address these with the P.C. chair and report at our next meeting. Lonik has already submitted some suggested language changes to the P.C.

Correspondence

None

Call to Public

None present

Adjournment

All items on the agenda having been completed; motion Nordblom, second Hosford to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Westman at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB

