

# Regular Meeting: January 8, 2018

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair John Westman at 6:35 pm on Monday, January 8, 2018 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chair John Westman, members Susan Cooley, Jerry Nordblom, Julie Frost and consultant Barry Lonik. Also present, Charles Estleman

Members absent: Tom Bloomer

#### **Approve Minutes**

Motion Cooley, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of December 11, 2017 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

### **Chairman's Remarks**

None

### **Approve Agenda**

Motion Cooley, second Nordblom to approve the January 8, 2018 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

# Call to Public

No comments

### **Review bills**

Motion Frost, second Cooley 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 the BOT took the following PDR related actions: 1. Approved the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$1000, for an appraisal update on property described in application 2010-4; 2. Reappointed Julie Frost and Jerry Nordblom to the WTFOSPB for two year terms.

#### Consultant:

Lonik stated that the ACEP application deadline is February 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### Greenbelt:

No meeting

### **Old Business**

A. Easement monitoring. Monitoring is completed for 2017. Cooley will contact Legacy Land Conservancy regarding a presentation on their monitoring system.

# **Closed Session**

Motion Nordblom, second Cooley to go into closed session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman recused himself from the closed session due to a conflict of interest.

The preservation board was reconvened in open session by Chair Westman at 9:05 p.m.

#### **New Business**

A. No motions required.

B. Program priorities were discussed with no action taken.

C. Budget recommendations were discussed. Motion Westman, second Nordblom to recommend to the BOT that the budget for legal services be increased from \$6000 to \$7500 and the budget for mileage be increased from \$300 to \$400.

## 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 Westman at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB



# Regular Meeting: March 12, 2018

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair Tom Bloomer at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 12, 2018 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: none

### **Approve Minutes**

Motion Cooley, second Frost to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of February 19, 2018 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

### **Chairman's Remarks**

Chair Bloomer stated that he would like to have Westman continue as a member of the preservation board. He will ask Supervisor Kingsley to reappoint Westman.

### **Approve Agenda**

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to approve the March 12, 2018 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public None present

#### **Review bills**

Motion Nordblom, 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 reported the BOT took the following actions: approved rezoning of 7495 Joy Rd. from industrial to commercial, approved annual policies for the township, approved a festival permit for St. Joseph church, approved a festival permit for Gordon Hall Days, approved an annual Murphy trailer permit, approved the disposal of obsolete voting equipment and discussed the proposed budget.

#### **Consultant:**

Lonik attended the NATAC meeting. He discussed the partners meeting, the proposed endowment fund and the possibility of a county millage renewal. He reported on his meeting with Coy Vaughn, Director of the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Department.

#### Greenbelt:

No report

### **Old Business**

A. Easement monitoring. The possibility of upgrading our monitoring program to include electronic mapping as conducted by Legacy Land Conservancy was discussed at length. Lonik and Cooley will determine what equipment and applications would be required. Nordblom will ask Legacy for assistance in establishing a new protocol. This issue is ongoing with no final determination made regarding whether or not to make the change.

# **Closed Session**

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to go into closed session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman recused himself from the closed session due to a conflict of interest.

The preservation board was reconvened in open session by Chair Bloomer at 8:47 p.m.

#### **New Business**

A. Motions: Following discussion the following motions were made. Motion Bloomer, second Frost to recommend to the BOT the approval of the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$6500, to commission a survey and environmental site assessment on property described in application 2006-1. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman abstained. Motion Bloomer, second Frost to recommend to the BOT the approval of the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2500, for an appraisal on property described in application 2017-2. All ayes, motion carried. Westman abstained.

### 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 Chair Bloomer at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman



# Regular Meeting: Monday April 9, 2018

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 April 9, 2018 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Jerry Nordblom

# **Approve Minutes:**

Motion Cooley, second Frost to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on March 12, 2018 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

# **Chairman's Remarks:**

Chair Bloomer reported that he had discussed with Supervisor Kingsley the reappointment of John Westman to the WTFOSPB.

### **Approve Agenda:**

Motion Westman, second Frost to approve the April 9, 2018 agenda as amended to add B. Annual Report under New Business. All ayes, motion carried.

# Call to Public:

None present.

#### **Review Bills:**

Motion Westman, second Frost 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 on the following BOT actions: met with WCRC to discuss potential road maintenance and improvement projects for the coming year, approved the budget for FY 2019, approved a P.A. 116 agreement for Blitz Properties LLC (Jason Wylie), approved moving forward with a new Fire hall, set April 21<sup>st</sup> for the annual roadside cleanup, appointed Constance Savander to the alternate position on the ZBA, approved the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$6500, for a survey and E.S.A. on property described in application 2006-1 and approved the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2500, for an appraisal on property described in application 2017-2.

#### **Consultant:**

Lonik had nothing to report in open session.

#### Greenbelt:

Cooley reported that the Greenbelt Commission will participate in two of our properties. Further discussion to be held in closed session.

### **Old Business**

#### A. Easement monitoring

Lonik reported that he will be using the federal form for future monitoring visits. This year half the visits will be conducted in the spring, half in the fall. Lonik has downloaded a free version of a mapping application that he will test while conducting the monitoring visits.

# **Closed Session:**

Motion Cooley, second Frost to close the open session at 6:52 p.m. 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 a conflict of interest. Following the closed session Chair Bloomer called the open meeting of the WTFOSPB to order at 7:34 p.m.

### **New Business:**

A. Following discussion, Motion Frost, second Cooley to recommend that the BOT approve the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$6500 for a survey and E.S.A. on property described in application 2010-4. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Westman abstained due to a conflict of interest.

B. The Annual Report was presented and discussed. Motion Westman, second Frost to approve the Annual Report as amended to correct the date on page one and replace page 3 to accurately reflect activity for the year. All ayes, motion carried.

### **Correspondence:**

None received

### **Call to Public:**

None present.

### Adjournment:

Motion Cooley, second Frost to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman



# Regular Meeting: May 14, 2018

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair Tom Bloomer at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 14, 2018 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: none

### **Approve Minutes**

Motion Cooley, second Frost to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of April 9, 2018 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

### **Chairman's Remarks**

None

### **Approve Agenda**

Motion Cooley, second Nordblom to approve the May 14, 2018 agenda as amended to add Consultant communications under New Business B. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public None present

# **Review bills**

Motion Frost, second Nordblom 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:

Westman reported the BOT took the following actions at the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting: approved an event permit for motorcycle trials on the Schwarck property, approved a Social Media policy for the township, approved a payment to the Dexter Senior Center for services rendered to township residents, approved a special use permit for a proposed convenience store at 7495 Joy Rd., approved a payment to WAVE for transportation services for township residents, approved to serve on the PDR Board through December 31, 2019 and approved the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$6500, for a survey and an environmental site assessment on property described in application 2010-4.

#### **Consultant:**

Lonik discussed a potential application for the Laski property on the S.W. corner of Mast Rd. and Huron River Dr. The small parcel size and isolated location make it unattractive as a PDR project. However, it has significant value as a recreational acquisition so it was referred to the City of Dexter, WCPRC and the HCMA for further evaluation.

#### Greenbelt:

No report

### **Old Business**

None

### **Closed Session**

Motion Nordblom, second Cooley to go into closed session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman recused himself from the closed session due to a conflict of interest.

The preservation board was reconvened in open session by Chair Bloomer at 7:35 p.m.

### **New Business**

A. Motions: Following discussion the following motions were made: 1. Motion Frost, second Cooley to recommend to the BOT the approval of the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$3200, for a survey on property described in application 2011-1. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman abstained. 2. Motion Frost, second Cooley, to recommend to the BOT the approval of the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$158,250 for the purchase of development rights on property described in application 2006-1. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman abstained.

B. Consultant communications. Emails from consultant Lonik and WCPR Department representative Trocchio were discussed.

### Correspondence

None

### **Call to Public**

None present.

### Adjournment

Motion Bloomer, second Nordblom to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman



# **Regular Meeting: Monday June 11, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Bloomer at 6:35 p.m. on Monday June 11, 2018 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: Susan Cooley

# **Approve Minutes:**

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on May 14, 2018 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

# **Chairman's Remarks:**

Chair Bloomer stated that member Cooley would be absent.

# **Approve Agenda:**

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to approve the June 11, 2018 agenda as presented. 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 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 equestrian events at Cobblestone Farms on June 16<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, September 16<sup>th</sup> and October 28<sup>th</sup>; approved sending a gravel road improvement survey with the July tax statements; approved a \$250 payment to the Dexter Area Historical Society; approved three road projects at a total cost of \$199,757.80 and adopted an updated Boundary Map to reflect the rezoning of the property at the N.E. corner of Mast Road and Joy Road. Also approved were amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to replace outdated terms relating to roads with current correctly defined terms. Also approved were changes to language regarding escrows. The BOT approved the adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance section creating a Natural River Overlay District, thus allowing Webster Township to become a "local governance jurisdiction" under Michigan's Natural Rivers program. Supervisor Kingsley appointed Kay Stremler to fill out the balance of Erica Perry's term on the Planning Commission. The board approved hiring Architects Design Group as supervising architect for the proposed fire hall project. The board approved the purchase of a new copy machine and the payment of \$350 to the Webster Township Historical Society. The board approved the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$3200, for a survey on property described in application 2011-1. The board postponed approval of purchasing the development rights on property 2006-1 due to an insufficient fund balance.

#### **Consultant:**

Lonik reported that the 2017-1 and 2017-2 properties were back on the market. We Love Dexter provided positive coverage of our Annual Report. Dexter Township may consider placing a PDR millage proposal on the ballot. The Laski property on the corner of Mast Road and Huron River Drive may be acquired by the City of Dexter. Lonik stated he continues to have problems with the City of Ann Arbor regarding document processing for projects. Lonik reported that he, Charles Estleman and John Westman set seven posts for Preserved Land signs. Lonik and Estleman donated their time. Westman donated the posts and auger rental fee.

A discussion ensued regarding committee members interacting with partner organizations. It was decided that individuals doing so need to make it clear that the opinions expressed are not official and may not reflect those of the PDR Committee as a whole or those of the Township

Board. The Chair is the spokesman for the PDR Committee and the Supervisor is the spokesman for the Township Board.

#### Greenbelt:

No report.

## **Old Business**

None.

### **Closed Session:**

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to close the open session at 7:47 p.m. 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 a conflict of interest. Following the closed session Chair Bloomer called the open meeting of the WTFOSPB to order at 8:45 p.m.

#### **New Business:**

No motions required

### **Correspondence:**

None received

# 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 Bloomer at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman



# Regular Meeting: July 9, 2018

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair Tom Bloomer at 6:30 pm on Monday, July 9, 2018 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Susan Cooley

### **Approve Minutes**

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of June 11, 2018 as amended. On page 2 of the open meeting minutes; under Consultant, line 4: following Drive change will to may. All ayes, motion carried.

### **Chairman's Remarks**

Member Cooley has resigned from the preservation board. We will discuss a potential replacement in August. Doug Koop is no longer with the Legacy Land Conservancy. Simon Whitelock is the new Legacy board chair.

### **Approve Agenda**

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to approve the July 9, 2018 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public None present

## **Review bills**

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to recommend that the BOT approve the payment of the June 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 actions at the June 19, 2018 meeting. Accepted the FY 2017 Audit by Pfeffer, Hanniford and Palka, approved payment of MTA dues, approved a PDR loan of \$120,000 to be repaid to the General Fund on or before March 1, 2019, approved extending the AT&T Metro Act permit to December 31, 2023, approved disposal of old copy machine, approved payment of the Huron River Watershed Council dues and approved an "add on" contract with H2M architects for consultation on the proposed fire station.

#### **Consultant:**

Lonik reported on his installation of six Protected Land signs.

Greenbelt:

No report.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Closed Session**

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to go into closed session at 7:03 p.m. to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman recused himself from the closed session due to a conflict of interest.

The preservation board was reconvened in open session by Chair Bloomer at 7:35 p.m.

#### **New Business**

A. Motions: Following discussion the following motion was made: Motion Frost, second
Nordblom to recommend to the BOT the approval of the expenditure of PDR funds, not to
exceed \$2500 for an E.S.A. and \$4000 for a survey on property described on application 2017-2.
Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman abstained.

B. Consideration of additional borrowing from the General Fund to complete projects. Motion Nordblom, second Frost to postpone this discussion until the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

## 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 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman



# Regular Meeting: Monday August 13, 2018

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 August 13, 2018 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. Also present, Jason Wylie.

Members absent: none

# **Approve Minutes:**

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on July 9, 2018 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

# **Chairman's Remarks:**

Chair Bloomer stated John Kingsley has recommended that Jason Wylie fill the vacancy on the PDR board. The BOT will act on this appointment at their next meeting.

# Approve Agenda:

Motion Westman, second Nordblom to approve the August 13, 2018 agenda as amended to move the discussion regarding borrowing from the general fund ahead of the closed session. All ayes, motion carried.

# Call to Public:

Jason Wylie stated that he looked forward to serving on the PDR board if appointed by the BOT.

#### **Review Bills:**

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees approve and pay the July 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: At the July 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting the board discussed no wake signs for Huntly Cove, an updated procurement policy and a proposed Fire Cost Recovery ordinance. At a special meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> the board discussed changes to the zoning ordinance regarding abandoned and junk motor vehicles, approved changes regarding Farm Markets and Farmers Markets, clarified language regarding Seasonal Agri-tourism and adopted changes regarding specific noise violations of the Public Nuisance ordinance.

#### Consultant:

Lonik reported that the County BOC decided to create special revenue fund of 7.5 million dollars to fund maintenance of county owned preserves and conservation easements. This was half of the initially proposed 15 million dollars. Dexter Township did not approve placing a PDR proposal on the November ballot.

#### Greenbelt:

No report.

### **Old Business**

Borrowing from the township general fund in order to complete projects was discussed. Motion Nordblom, second Frost to postpone further discussion until the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Closed Session:**

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to close the open session at 7:55 p.m. 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 a conflict of interest. Jason Wylie did not participate in the closed session as his appointment had not yet been confirmed. Following the closed session Chair Bloomer called the open meeting of the

WTFOSPB to order at 8:55 p.m.

## **New Business:**

No motions required

### **Correspondence:**

None received

### **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 Bloomer at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman



# Regular Meeting: September 10, 2018

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair Tom Bloomer at 6:35 pm on Monday, September 10, 2018 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Jerry Nordblom and Jason Wylie

### **Approve Minutes**

Motion Frost, second Westman to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB regular meeting of August 13, 2018 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

# **Chairman's Remarks**

Members Nordblom and Wylie will not attend the meeting.

# **Approve Agenda**

Motion Frost, second Westman to approve the September 10, 2018 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public None present

**Review bills** 

Motion Frost, second Westman 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 reviewed and answered questions regarding the draft minutes from the August 13<sup>th</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup> BOT meetings.

## Consultant:

Lonik reported on the ALPAC meeting he recently attended. RCPP applications must be submitted during the ACEP timeframe.

### Greenbelt:

Chair Bloomer reported on proposed new initiatives being explored by the Greenbelt Commission.

# **Old Business**

Consideration of borrowing from the general fund to complete projects was discussed. Motion Westman, second Frost to postpone further discussion and action until the October meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

# **Closed Session**

Motion Frost, second Westman to go into closed session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Westman agreed to participate in the closed session as long as his conflict of interest issue was not discussed. Otherwise a quorum could not be achieved.

The preservation board was reconvened in open session by Chair Bloomer at 8:05 p.m.

# **New Business**

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

1. Motion Frost, second Westman to recommend to the BOT the approval of the expenditure of PDR funds not to exceed \$2500 for an environmental site assessment and \$4000 for a survey on property identified in application number 2017-2. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion Frost, second Westman to recommend to the BOT the approval of the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2500, for an appraisal of property described in application number 2015-2. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

3. Motion Frost, second Westman to recommend to the BOT the approval of the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$89,300, for the purchase of the development rights on property described in application number 2011-1. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

## Correspondence

None

# **Call to Public**

None present.

# Adjournment

Motion Frost, second Westman to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman



# **Regular Meeting: Monday October 8, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Bloomer at 6:32 p.m. on October 8, 2018 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 Frost, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting held on September 10, 2018 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

# **Chairman's Remarks:**

Chair Bloomer stated that Jason Wylie would not attend the meeting.

# Approve Agenda:

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to approve the October 8, 2018 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

# Call to Public:

None

### **Review Bills:**

Motion Frost, 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 reviewed and answered questions regarding the draft minutes from the BOT meeting on September 18, 2018.

#### **Consultant:**

Lonik reported that the NATAC intends to review and prioritize ten properties from this year. He has started the annual monitoring of properties for which we hold easements.

#### Greenbelt:

Bloomer reported that Ruth Thornton has retired.

### **Closed session**

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to close the open session at 7:00 pm and go into closed session 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**

Borrowing from the township general fund in order to complete projects was discussed. It was decided that we should ask to borrow on a project by project basis. It was further agreed that Westman would present Barry's memo on funding options to the BOT. No recommendation on any of the four options was made.

### **New Business:**

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 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman



# Regular Meeting: November 12, 2018

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chair Tom Bloomer at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 12, 2018 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 October 8, 2018 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

# **Chairman's Remarks**

Member Wylie will not attend the meeting.

# **Approve Agenda**

Motion Westman, second Nordblom to approve the November12, 2018 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public None present

**Review Invoices** 

Motion Westman, 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 reviewed and answered questions regarding the draft minutes from the October 16<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup> BOT meetings.

#### Consultant:

Lonik stated he had nothing to report in open session.

#### Greenbelt:

Chair Bloomer reported that Remy Long is the new Greenbelt Commission coordinator.

# **Old Business**

Conservation easement monitoring: Lonik reported that he has completed 14 of 15 monitoring projects for this year. The final one will be done after the deer hunting season ends. Lonik is incorporating electronic mapping into this year's reports. A minor encroachment on the Hall property was noted and is being corrected.

# **Closed Session**

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to go into closed session at 7:20 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 8:30 p.m.

### **New Business**

A. Motions: Following discussion the following motion was made:

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to recommend to the BOT the approval of the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2300 for an environmental site assessment, \$2500 for a survey and \$67,500 for the purchase of development rights on property described in application 2015-2.

# Correspondence

None

# **Call to Public**

None present.

# Adjournment

Motion Frost, second Westman to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Bloomer at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman



# **Regular Meeting: Monday December 10, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Bloomer at 6:34 p.m. on December 10, 2018 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 November 12, 2018 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

# **Chairman's Remarks:**

Chair Bloomer stated that he had not heard from Jason Wylie regarding meeting attendance.

# Approve Agenda:

Motion Frost, second Nordblom to approve the December 10, 2018 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

# Call to Public:

None

### **Review Bills:**

Motion Nordblom, second Frost 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 reviewed and answered questions regarding the draft minutes from the BOT meeting on November 20, 2018.

#### **Consultant:**

Lonik reported that purchase agreements have been signed for 2006-1 and 2011-1. These are now public projects. An underground storage tank is being drained and filled with sand on 2006-1. The survey has been completed on 2011-1. There was discussion regarding the advisability of recording baselines along with conservation easements.

#### Greenbelt:

No report.

# **Closed session**

Motion Nordblom, second Frost to close the open session at 7:08 pm and go into closed session 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 7:55 pm.

# **Old business**

None

### **New Business:**

1. Motions as required: none

2. Set meeting schedule for 2019. Motion Westman, second Frost to continue meeting on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Webster Township Hall. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Landowner discounts. Landowner discounts for conservation easement purchases were discussed. The possibility of adjusting the scoring systems to give more weight to higher contributions was considered. No recommendation was made.

### **Correspondence:**

None received

### **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 Bloomer at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman