



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting January 17, 2011

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on January 17, 2011 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman, Tom Bloomer, Jean Cares, Erica Perry and P.J. Martin, consultant Barry Lonik, and recording secretary Heidi Mitzel.

Approve Minutes

Motion Bloomer, second Martin to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for December 13, 2010.

All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Westman reported that for the rest of 2011 FOSP Board meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month.

Approve Agenda

Motion Bloomer, second Perry to approve January 17, 2011 agenda as presented.

All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

Motion Martin, second Bloomer to approve November and December invoices for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

- (1) Westman reported that the zoning ordinance will be discussed at the next Township Board Meeting.
- (2) Township Supervisor, Kingsley, is working on a budget. Bill Sinkule gave Westman some figures which we will review under New Business.
- (3) The negotiations with the union for fire department are on going. Existing contract has been extended.

Consultant:

- (1) Lonik reported that both the Whitney and Clark properties closed in December.
- (2) Lonik showed the updated map of protected properties in Webster Township.

Greenbelt:

Bloomer reported that the Greenbelt updated the map regarding protected properties. Lonik will email the map to FOSPB members.

Old Business

A. Discussion of budget for recurring PDR activities.

- (1) Lonik drafted a memo stating his cost for annual monitoring of the 5 easements that are currently in place. He estimated 3 hours per property (\$1,000/year) as long as no problems arise. Discussion took place on how to make the annual monitoring self supporting.
- (2) Westman will check with Kingsley to see what type of insurance the Township has for legal matters.

B. Bus Tour/Land Owner Recognition Party.

In the spring FOSPB will plan to do this and make it open to the public.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

7:19 p.m. motion Perry, second Martin to close the open session and open the closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to our PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

Open session resumed at 8:19 p.m.

New Business

A. Protected property signs.

Lonik had emailed a picture of what Scio Township signs look like. Discussion took place on how to make a common sign that everyone will recognize as a protected property. Webster Township already has the barn logo so maybe Bill Sinkule could work on this.

B. Budget recommendation for next year.

Motion Westman, second Bloomer to recommend to Township Board that the PDR operating budget for next fiscal year to remain the same as the current fiscal year, with the following exceptions:

- (1) Film/processing increase from \$50.00 to \$200.00
- (2) Contractual Services increase from \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00
- (3) Legal services increase from \$4,200.00 to \$5,000.00

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

C. Recommendation for Farrell Purchase Agreement.

Motion Bloomer, second Martin that the FOSPB recommends to the Township Board that they approve the purchase agreement/conservation easement for the Farrell property contingent upon any changes endorsed by the land preservation attorney and contingent upon satisfactory binding agreement between the Township and the Legacy Land Conservancy concerning the contribution of approximately \$160,000 to be used for Farrell property.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence

None.

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Martin, second Westman to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Mitzel



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting February 14, 2011

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on February 14, 2011 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman, Tom Bloomer, Jean Cares, Erica Perry and P.J. Martin, consultant Barry Lonik, and recording secretary Heidi Mitzel.

Approve Minutes

Motion Bloomer, second Perry to postpone the approval of January 17, 2011 minutes to the March meeting.

All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Westman will report under Township Board.

Approve Agenda

Motion Cares, second Bloomer to approve February 14, 2011 agenda as presented.

All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

Motion Bloomer, second Martin to approve January invoice for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

- (1) Westman reported that the Board postponed approving expenditure for appraisal until February due to issue over borrowing any more money against the general fund. This was referred to the auditor for his comment. Since auditor was okay with this, Kingsley called a special meeting and at this meeting the Board did approve the appraisal expenditure.
- (2) At that meeting Bloomer was reappointed to Compensation Commission.
- (3) Zoning ordinance still being reviewed.

Consultant:

Lonik reported on Farrell property. The purchase agreement and easement were revised by township counsel. Lonik is endeavoring to work out details that Farrells' counsel had with the approach taken to payment based on ownership. Lonik drafted a participation agreement with Legacy Land Conservancy and is awaiting their review.

Greenbelt:

Bloomer reported that he did not attend the last Greenbelt meeting but there is talk about expanding the boundaries of the Greenbelt but any change would require city council approval.

Old Business

A. Discussion of budget for PDR.

Township Supervisor, Kingsley asked Westman for an estimate on what we would want to spend for development rights during the next fiscal year. An amount of \$225,000 will be used in the budget.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

7:15 p.m. motion Cares, second Martin to close the open session and open the closed session in order to review confidential applications to our FOSPB program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

Open session resumed at 8:25 p.m.

New Business

A. 2010 Annual Report.

Lonik prepared report and reviewed it at meeting. Westman will submit it to Township Board at meeting on February 15, 2011.

B. Expenditure for survey and ESA.

Motion Bloomer, second Perry that we recommend to Township Board that they approve expenditures up to \$2600.00 for a survey and up to \$1850.00 for environmental site assessment on a property for which we have received FRPP funding.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Lonik will email Mr. Jekabson to give him an opportunity to submit a proposal for survey.

C. Contribution to Letts Property.

Motion Cares, second Martin to recommend to Township Board an expenditure of \$2000.00 be made to the Greenbelt program to contribute towards the purchase of development rights on the property known as the Letts Farm.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence

Westman received letter from American Farmland Trust.

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Bloomer, second Martin to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Mitzel



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting March 12, 2012

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on March 12, 2012 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman, Jean Cares, Tom Bloomer, Erica Perry and P.J. Martin consultant Barry Lonik, and recording secretary Heidi Mitzel.

Approve Minutes

Motion Perry, second Bloomer to approve the open session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for February 13, 2012. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion Perry, second Bloomer to approve the closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as amended for February 13, 2012. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Westman will report under Township Board.

Approve Agenda

Motion Perry, second Cares to approve March 12, 2012 agenda as presented.

All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

Motion Perry, second Bloomer to approve February invoice for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

(1) Westman reported that the Township Board did approve the expenditure for the purchase of ten PDR signs. Westman will check to make sure signs are ordered. Lonik will contact land owners before installation takes place.

(2) Westman reported on the budget meeting. Township is solvent and will be able to put money this year as well as next year into the capital improvement fund which will make the fund about \$1.2 million. Kingsley is considering to returning to a five day work week at the beginning of next year.

(3) Westman reported that Township Supervisor, Kingsley, wants to have a vote on the proposed Fire Department merger. This is on the agenda for Board Meeting on March 20th.

(4) Westman reported about another item on the agenda for March 20th Board Meeting. This is regarding a group of citizens along the south shore of Base Lake that want the Township to allow for the creation of a special assessment district so those in the south shore area will have to pay for chemical control of the weeds. Discussion took place regarding this.

(5) Westman asked Kingsley for an update regarding DAHS parking situation. The opinion from the Township attorney says that they can park there. Westman will ask for a written copy of this at the next Township Board Meeting.

Bloomer stated that we have a PDR attorney which knows about easements whereas the Township attorney doesn't know as much about easements.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that the two Wylie properties did close.

Greenbelt:

Bloomer will comment in closed session.

Old Business

A. Review proposed PDR Budget.

This budget is on the agenda for March 20th Township Board meeting.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

6:58 p.m. motion Perry, second Martin to close the open session and open the closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to our PDR program.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

Open session resumed at 7:17 p.m.

New Business

A. Annual Report.

Lonik went over the annual report he completed and discussion took place regarding the report. Lonik will amend the report and get a copy to Mary D Heller so Township Board can see this report.

B. Meeting Schedule.

It was decided to keep the current meeting dates as scheduled and Westman will email everyone about 10 days before the next month's meeting date to see if there are any issues that need to be dealt with. If there are none then there will be no meeting that month.

Correspondence

None.

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Mitzel



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting April 9, 2012

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on April 9, 2012 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman, Jean Cares, Tom Bloomer, Erica Perry and P.J. Martin consultant Barry Lonik, and recording secretary Heidi Mitzel.

Approve Minutes

Motion Perry, second Bloomer to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for March 12, 2012. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Westman commented on the excellent job Dexter Township and the Village did in responding to the March 15, 2012 tornado (cleanup and relief funds). Westman will push for Webster Township Board to set up an emergency response plan.

Approve Agenda

Motion Perry, second Bloomer to approve April 9, 2012 agenda as presented.
All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

Motion Bloomer, second Martin to approve March invoice for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

- (1) Westman reported about the Township Board joint meeting with the Planning Commission last month. A site plan check list is being developed. It was also decided that when issues come up with zoning ordinance like items clarified or amended then one or two members from the Township Board and Planning Commission will informally sit down to try figure out changes.
- (2) Westman reported that the budget passed.
- (3) Westman reported that the Township Board rejected summarily the special assessment district for the weed control of Base Lake for a variety of reasons.
- (4) Westman reported that the proposed Fire Department merger was voted to postpone indefinitely. The committee advocating this merger has failed to provide information the Township Board would like to see.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that he is still waiting to hear back from FRPP about the two properties in Webster Township that were submitted.

Greenbelt:

Bloomer reported that the Greenbelt continues to receive applications even though the appraisals are low.

Old Business

A. DAHS easement parking.

Westman reported that he still has not received, in writing, any information from the Township Attorney regarding parking on DAHS easement.

Discussion took place regarding this issue.

Bloomer questioned why Township is not going on the advice of the Land Use Attorney, who is specialized in this area, but instead with the advice of the Township Attorney.

Westman will let PDR Board Members know when this issue is on the agenda for the Township Board Meeting. Westman encouraged others to attend the Board meeting to express their concerns.

B. Signs.

Bloomer asked if the signs have been ordered yet? Westman will follow up with this matter.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

7:20 p.m. motion Perry, second Martin to close the open session and open the closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to our PDR program.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

Open session resumed at 7:36 p.m.

New Business

None.

Correspondence

None.

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Mitzel



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting June 18, 2012

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on June 18, 2012 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman, Jean Cares, Tom Bloomer, Erica Perry and P.J. Martin consultant Barry Lonik, and recording secretary Heidi Mitzel.

Approve Minutes

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting on April 12, 2012 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Westman will report under Township Board.

Approve Agenda

Motion Perry, second Martin to approve the June 18, 2012 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

Motion Bloomer, second Perry to approve the April invoice for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Martin to approve the May invoice for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

- (1) Westman reported that the Township Board did make a change to the private road ordinance.
- (2) Westman reported that the Township Board approved the funding for a separate audit of the PDR fund similar to what was done last year.
- (3) Westman reported that there will be a discussion regarding the proposed Fire Department merger at the next Township Board Meeting, Tuesday June 19, 2012. This will be a discussion only, not a vote.
- (4) Westman will report to the Township Board at the next Board meeting about Gordon Hall.

Consultant:

None in the open session.

Greenbelt:

None in the open session.

Old Business

A. DAHS easement parking.

Lonik reported on his recent monitoring visit to Gordon Hall. He showed the photos he took. Discussion took place regarding how to proceed with the violation of the easement.

Westman stated the need for compliance which he feels is possible with Scio Township's cooperation.

Lonik reported that on June 4, 2012 he met with Scio Township Supervisor, Spaulding Clark and DAHS members to discuss the Civil War Event. The DAHS agreed to sign a parking agreement with Scio Township before the event took place. However, DAHS has still not signed the agreement because DAHS wants to have their own board meeting to discuss the agreement. Discussion took place regarding how serious Scio Township is in withholding money from the DAHS. The next payment Scio has scheduled to pay DAHS is October 8, 2012.

Cares brought up the need to email and send pertinent easement information to each DAHS Board Member to insure that they are receiving accurate first hand information.

This PDR Board wants the Township Board to take a stand on the violation of the terms and conditions of the permit that the Township Board issued to DAHS for the Civil War Event.

Lonik asked that a letter be sent to DAHS since DAHS violated terms and conditions of the

permit issued to them for their event this year.

Motion Perry, second Martin to ask Township Board to direct Supervisor Kingsley, to sign a cover letter notifying DAHS of the violation of the conservation easement held by Webster Township on the DAHS property known as Gordon Hall.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

B. Preserved land signs.

Westman reported that the signs have been made. Lonik will notify land owners that the signs are ready to be installed and find a mutually agreeable place visible from the road to install them.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

8:17 p.m. motion Perry, second Martin to close the open session and open the closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to our PDR program.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

Open session resumed at 8:28 p.m.

New Business

Westman encouraged others to attend Township Board Meetings.

Motion Bloomer, second Martin to cancel the PDR Meeting scheduled for July 9, 2012 and to next meet on August 13, 2012.

Correspondence

None.

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Mitzel



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting August 13, 2012

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on August 13, 2012 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Erica Perry

Approve Minutes

Motion Martin, second Cares to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting of June 18, 2012 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Westman presented some of the primary election results from surrounding townships. There will be major changes on some boards.

Approve Agenda

Motion Bloomer, second Martin to approve August 13, 2012 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

Motion Bloomer, second Martin to approve the June invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Martin to approve the July invoice from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

Westman reported that Supervisor Kingsley sent a letter to the DAHS&M detailing the easement parking violations as noted by Mr. Lonik during the Civil War Days fundraising event.

Consultant:

None in the open session.

Greenbelt:

The Letts property appraisal has expired and a new appraisal has been commissioned.

Old Business

A. DAHS easement parking.

Discussion took place regarding how to proceed with the violation of the easement. Westman stated that compliance is possible with Scio Township's cooperation. Scio Township has suggested that it might withhold the next payment due the DAHS&M in October if significant progress toward the resolution of this issue is not achieved. Martin questioned whether there was an easement parking violation during the Nixon fireworks show in July. It was decided that this is a Greenbelt issue as the city holds this easement.

B. Preserved land signs.

Westman reported that the signs have been made. The signs turned out great. Lonik will notify landowners to inform them that the signs are ready to be installed and find a mutually agreeable place visible from the road to place them.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

At 7:12 p.m. Motion Martin, second Bloomer to close the open session and open the closed

session in order to discuss confidential applications to our PDR program.
Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

Open session resumed at 7:29 p.m.

New Business

FOSPB membership terms were discussed. Westman will find out when member terms expire.

Correspondence

None.

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Cares, second Bloomer to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Mitzel

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board Regular Meeting December 10, 2012

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:31pm, by Chairman John Westman on December 10, 2012 at the township hall, 5665 Webster Church Road Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman, Jean Cares, Tom Bloomer, P.J. Martin, Erica Perry, consultant Barry Lonik, and recording secretary Cynthia Zuccaro.

Approve Minutes

Motion Cares second Perry to approve the open and closed minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting of October 8, 2012, as amended. All ayes and carried.

Chairman's remarks

WTFOSPB member terms were reviewed:
Westman, Perry, and Cares expire January 2014
Bloomer and Martin expire January 2013

Approve Agenda

Motion Bloomer second Martin to approve the December 10, 2012 agenda as presented. All ayes and carried.

Call to Public

none

Approve Bills

Motion Perry second Cares to approve the two October invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.
Motion Bloomer second Martin to approve the November invoice from Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

A. Township Board

1. Webster Township BOT opted out of AATA's proposal to expand their mass transit within the Washtenaw County.
2. The township is currently in litigation with Burton Hoey; the case has been directed into mediation.

Consultant

1. Charles Letts property: The owners decided not to move forward. The \$2000.00 pledged by Webster Township can be used elsewhere.
2. Lonik has completed all monitoring visits in October.

Greenbelt

Letts property was discussed.

Old Business

A. DAHS Easement Parking

The request by DAHS for using the private road in the subdivision west of Gordon Hall in order to gain access to a proposed parking area behind the hall was rejected by the homeowners association. Westman discussed that he would like to see cooperation with Scio Township to defend the easement contract.

B. Preserved Land Sign Installation

Lonik and Westman plan on installing the Preserved Land signs at the end of the week.

Close Open Session – Open Closed Session

7:44pm, motion Martin second Bloomer to close the open session and open the closed session.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

John Westman re-opened the open session at 7:55pm.

New Business

A. Additional Revenue/Millage

Since a majority of funds for the current millage have been spent, several options were discussed:

1. Wait until the current millage has expired to request renewal.
2. Request renewal prior to the expiration of current millage.
3. Request new millage with increase length and/or millage rate.

Perry requested Westman to ask the BOT for their opinions on the millage.

B. Budget Discussion

Next year's budget is expected to be the same as the current budget.

C. Election of Officers

Motion Perry second Cares to re-elect Westman WTFOSPB Chairman for calendar year 2013. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion Perry second Bloomer to re-elect Cares WTFOSPB Vice Chairman for calendar year 2013. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence

none

Call to Public

none

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Zuccaro



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting March 11, 2013

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on March 11, 2013 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman, Jean Cares, Tom Bloomer, Erica Perry and P.J. Martin, consultant Barry Lonik, and recording secretary Heidi Mitzel.

Approve Minutes

Motion Cares, second Martin to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for February 11, 2013. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Westman will report under Township Board.

Approve Agenda

Motion Perry, second Martin to approve March 11, 2013 agenda as amended to add item C under Old Business to discuss new millage options.

All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

Motion Perry, second Bloomer to approve February invoice for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

- (1) Westman reported that P.J. Martin was reappointed to WTFOSPB by the Township Board.
- (2) Westman reported that there was minimal discussion about the barn situation. This item was tabled until the Township Board receives a legal opinion from the Township Attorney.
- (3) Westman reported that a third budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The issues remaining are whether the Township should return to a 5 day work week and employee salaries.
- (4) Westman reported that the Township Board had their annual meeting with the Road Commission.
- (5) The Compensation Committee has met to review the salary of the Township Board Members.

Consultant:

None in the open session.

Greenbelt:

Bloomer reported that the Greenbelt hasn't met since the last WTFOSPB Meeting.

Old Business

A. DAHS easement parking.

Westman would like to see this issue resolved this year.

Discussion took place regarding DAHS wanting to amend the easement.

Many options were discussed.

It was decided to have DAHS maintain the Conservation Easement and offer DAHS \$5,000 (or some amount of money) to go towards them improving the parking area behind the mansion. This could also be tied to DAHS getting their event permit. Westman will bring this proposal to the Township Board.

B. Annual Report.

Motion Martin, second Perry to postpone the discussion of the annual report until the April 8, 2013 WTFOSPB Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

C. New Mileage Options.

Discussion took place about which election to put the mileage renewal on the ballot. In order for it to be a renewal it has to go on the November 2014 ballot at the latest. Language of the renewal was discussed as well as the amount of years to renew for.

It was decided to invite people to attend the April 8, 2013 WTFOSPB Meeting to discuss the mileage renewal.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

8:08 p.m. motion Bloomer, second Perry to close the open session and open the closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to our PDR program.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

Open session resumed at 8:28 p.m.

New Business

None.

Correspondence

None.

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Perry, second Martin to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Mitzel



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday, June 9, 2014

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on June 9, 2014 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman, Jean Cares, Erica Perry, P.J. Martin, consultant Barry Lonik and recording secretary Heidi Mitzel.

Members absent: Tom Bloomer.

Approve Minutes

Motion Perry, second Martin to approve the open session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for April 14, 2014. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

- (1) Westman reported that the Webster Township Historical Society is having their annual picnic tonight.
- (2) Westman will try get DAHS item on the agenda for June Township Board Meeting.

Approve Agenda

Motion Cares, second Martin to approve the June 9, 2014 agenda as written.
All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

Motion Martin, second Perry to approve April invoice for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Martin, second Perry to approve May invoice for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

- (1) Westman reported that the Township is still in mediation with Cottonwood Barn Owners. The Township parking lot has been used when the Barn holds events. This issue is being addressed by Township Board.
- (2) Westman reported on two requests for fireworks permits from Ryan Nixon. The annual 4th of July permit was approved but the second one was not approved.
- (3) Westman also reported on a liquor license transfer for the Dexter Party Store. The Board didn't approve this and referred this item to the Township attorney.
- (4) There will be a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees and the planning commission held on June 18, 2014.
- (5) Westman reported that as there has been ongoing discussion regarding a fire substation on the Township Property. The capital improvement fund has enough money in it to go forward.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that he talked with Ginny Trocchio regarding the Wolf/Sheldon property. The Greenbelt has a June 23, 2014 close date. Because a recommendation was made last fiscal year a new recommendation needs to be made for this property. Lonik passed around an article that Bloomer had given him. The article "Protect Your Property Rights" was distributed.

Greenbelt:

Jean Cares reported that the June Meeting was cancelled but there was a joint meeting with the Parks Land Acquisition which Cares found helpful.

Old Business

A. PDR millage renewal.

Discussion took place regarding when to put the PDR millage renewal on the ballot.

Lonik shared a memo and a chart showing numbers regarding the millage.

Westman will push for the renewal to be put on the November election ballot.

Lonik will send a memo to the BOT with bullet points stating that now is the time to put this on the ballot.

B. Wolf/Sheldon recommendation.

Motion Martin, second Cares recommend to the BOT to approve expenditure of \$2,000 from PDR funding for purchase of development rights to the Greenbelt to support the purchase of Wolf/Sheldon property. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

This is not a new recommendation. This recommendation was made during the last fiscal year.

Closed Session.

Motion Perry, second Martin to close the open session at 7:32 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 at 7:57 p.m.

New Business

None.

Correspondence

Memo from Barry Lonik.

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Martin, second Perry to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Mitzel



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Special Meeting June 23, 2014

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman John Westman at 5:04 p.m. on June 23, 2014 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman, Jean Cares, Tom Bloomer, Erica Perry, P.J. Martin, and consultant Barry Lonik. Supervisor Kingsley was also present.

Absent: Heidi Mitzel, recording secretary.

Agenda

Discuss PDR millage renewal options.

Chairman's Remarks

Westman stated that supervisor Kingsley was present in order to explain the reasons why the BOT voted against placing the PDR millage renewal on the Nov. 2014 ballot.

Approve Agenda

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve the June 23, 2014 agenda as presented.

All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

New business

Presentation and discussion: Supervisor Kingsley presented the reasons why the BOT voted against placing the PDR millage renewal issue on the Nov. 2014 ballot. Following answering questions he agreed to revisit the issue by placing it on the next BOT meeting agenda. After considerable discussion it was decided that the WTFOSPB would make a presentation at the BOT meeting. P. J. Martin and Jean Cares agreed to prepare the presentation.

Call to Public

None present

Adjournment

Motion Bloomer, second Martin to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Westman at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTOSPB



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board Special Meeting July 14, 2014

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman John Westman at 6:30 p.m. on July 14, 2014 at the Webster Township Hall at 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman, Jean Cares, Tom Bloomer, Erica Perry and consultant Barry Lonik. Also present were two citizens, Jim and Jon Hall.

Absent: member P.J. Martin and Heidi Mitzel, recording secretary

Agenda

Chairman Westman stated that the agenda was the discussion of the proposed PDR millage renewal. Since all board members were not present no additions could be made.

Call to public

Jim and Jon Hall addressed the board. They are interested in protecting their property and need additional information about the program. They need to make a decision as soon as possible as they have other options.

New business

PDR millage renewal options were discussed. Jean Cares gave the board a preview of the presentation she will give to the BOT.

Adjournment

Motion Perry, second Bloomer to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Chairman Westman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John Westman, Chairman WTFOSPB



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting, August 11, 2014

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on August 11, 2014 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman; members Jean Cares, Tom Bloomer, Erica Perry, P.J. Martin and consultant Barry Lonik.

Absent: Heidi Mitzel, recording secretary.

Approve Minutes

Motion Martin, second Cares to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting on June 9, 2014 as presented. All ayes, motion carried. Motion Bloomer, second Perry to approve the special meeting minutes from June 23, 2014 and July 14, 2014. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

(1) Westman reported that Heidi Mitzel would not be attending the meeting tonight.

Approve Agenda

Motion Bloomer, second Martin to approve the August 11, 2014 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

Motion Bloomer second Perry to approve the June invoice for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Following discussion regarding the appropriateness of some invoiced items; motion Perry, second Martin to approve the July

invoice for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. It was decided that Westman would invite Supervisor Kingsley to the next meeting to clarify the role of the FOSPB regarding management of the PDR budget. It was also decided to invite Treasurer Whitney to discuss the PDR fund balance for next year.

Reports

Township Board:

- (1) Westman gave an update regarding the event barn issue.
- (2) The BOT approved placing the PDR and Public Safety millage renewals on the November, 2014 ballot.
- (3) The DAHS Historical easement is on the BOT agenda for August.

Consultant:

Lonik stated the Wolf/ Sheldon agreement had been closed.

Greenbelt:

Cares reported that the communications committee was reviewing ways to improve public awareness regarding PDR related issues.

Old business

PDR millage renewal:

Strategies for promoting the millage renewal were discussed. Martin will work on producing a flyer and establishing a campaign committee.

Closed session

Motion Perry, second Martin to close the open session at 8:16 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 at 8:45 pm.

New Business

It was decided that a meeting was required in September. Westman will call a special meeting on September 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Correspondence

None received.

Call to Public

Non present

Adjournment

Motion Perry, second Martin to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting declared adjourned by Chair Westman at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday, September 21, 2015

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on Monday September 21, 2015 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Jean Cares.

Approve Minutes

Motion Cooley, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting of August 10, 2015 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Westman welcomed Gerry Nordblom to the preservation board and reported that Jean Cares could not attend tonight's meeting.

Approve Agenda

Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to approve the September 21, 2015 agenda as presented. Discussion of limiting the meeting duration to two hours was held. Bloomer would like this included in the bylaws.
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 for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. and the July invoice for Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

- (1) Westman reported that the BOT approved a special land use permit for the Webster Twp. Historical Society to maintain an archeological park on property adjacent to the twp. hall. Also approved was a site plan to construct a music venue on the property.
- (2) Westman reported that the annual PDR millage rate request would be .4980.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that he had met with Carol Whitney and Bill Sinkule regarding PDR fund balance and budget issues.

Greenbelt:

No report

Old Business

A. PDR mailing with tax bills:

The proposed flyer was discussed. Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to hire Graham Graphic to create the flyer with the cost not to exceed \$150. Roll call; all ayes, motion carried. Cooley will get a bid from First Impressions for printing and folding. Westman will contact Carol Whitney regarding the number of tax bills sent and getting a bid from the current printer.

Closed Session.

Motion Bloomer , second Cooley 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.

The WTFOSPB returned to open session at 9:00 p.m.

New Business

A. PDR budget recommendation:

The line item for consultant was discussed. Due to greater than expected activity it was decided that an increase was necessary. Motion Bloomer, second Cooley to recommend that the BOT amend the PDR budget for consultant from \$20,000 to \$30,000. Roll call; all ayes, motion carried.

B. Installment payments:

Discussion was held regarding how PDR payments could be made in installments as opposed to one-time payments. Lonik reported that Mr. Fazio opined that he could draft a recommendation to the BOT regarding how this might be accomplished. The cost of this opinion would be \$900. Westman and Lonik will further research this issue.

Correspondence

None.

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Nordblom, second Cooley to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday, October 12, 2015

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman John Westman at 6:30 p.m. on Monday October 12, 2015 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Susan Cooley

Approve Minutes:

Motion Nordblom, second Bloomer to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting on September 21, 2015 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

(1) Westman reported that member Cooley would be absent.

Approve Agenda:

Motion Cares, second Bloomer to approve the September 21, 2015 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 invoices from Treemore Ecology and Land services, Inc. as presented.
Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board

Westman reported that approval of the PDR flyer and the PDR budget increase for "Consultant" were on the October BOT meeting agenda

Consultant:

Lonik reported on a meeting with Tom Freeman

Greenbelt: Nothing new to report

Old Business:

A. PDR mailing with tax bills:

The final draft of the flyer was reviewed and discussed.

B. Budget discussion

Motion Westman, second Cares to table the budget discussion until the November meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Installment payments

The issue of installment payments was discussed. Lonik reported that Mr. Fazio had a procedure in mind to allow this to happen. Further collaboration with the county Parks and Recreation Department is required. Lonik will pursue.

Closed Session:

Motion Cares, second Bloomer to close the open session at 7:26 p.m. and go into closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Bloomer, second Cares to return to open session at 8:23 pm. All ayes, motion carried

The WTFOSPB returned to open session at 8:23 pm.

New Business:

Expenditure recommendation: Motion Bloomer, second Cares to recommend to the BOT that it approve the expenditure of not more than \$2400.00 for an environmental site assessment and not more than \$2000 for a survey on property identified in application # 2009-3. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence:**Call to Public:**

None present.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman, Chair



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday, November 9, 2015

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on Monday November 9, 2015 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Tom Bloomer.

Approve Minutes

Motion Cares, second Nordblom to approve the open and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting of October 12, 2015 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Westman reported that Tom Bloomer could not attend tonight's meeting.

Approve Agenda

Motion Nordblom, second Cares to approve the November 9, 2015 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Review Bills

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

motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

Westman reported that the BOT approved the request for a survey and environmental site assessment on a property described in application 2009-3.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that the ACEP (Federal program) application deadline would be in January. This is two months earlier than in the past.

Greenbelt:

Cares reported that Ginny Trochio would be leaving the Greenbelt Commission to assume a position with the Washtenaw County Park Department.

Old Business

A. PDR mailing with tax bills:

The proposed flyer was discussed. Westman stated that the revised flyer would be distributed with the December tax bills.

B. Installment payments

A mechanism to implement installment payments is being investigated by the County Parks and Recreation Department attorney.

C. Budget

PDR revenue and expenditures were discussed. An update will be provided next month.

Closed Session.

Motion Nordblom , second Cares to close the open session at 7:05 p.m. and go into closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

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

New Business

A. Easement compliance monitoring:

Options for monitoring easement compliance were discussed. It was decided to delay further discussion until next year as monitoring for this year has already been completed.

B. Appraisal recommendations:

It was decided that it would be beneficial to request appraisals on two properties that have a high potential to attract Federal funding. Motion Cooley, second Nordblom to recommend to the Board of Trustees that they approve the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$2500 for an appraisal on property described in application 2015-1 and funds not to exceed \$2500 for an appraisal on property described in application 2015-2. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence

None.

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Nordblom, second Cooley to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman

Chair, WTFOSPB



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting: Monday, December 14, 2015

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order by Chairman John Westman at 6:32 p.m. on Monday December 14, 2015 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman, Members Jean Cares, Tom Bloomer, 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 on November 17, 2015 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

(1) Westman reported that member Cooley would be absent.

Approve Agenda:

Motion Bloomer, second Nordblom to approve the December 14, 2015 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public:

None present.

Review Bills:

Motion Cares, second Nordblom 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 that the requested funding for two PDR appraisals was approved. The BOT decided to decline the Road Commission's proposal for the temporary reopening Strawberry Lake Road.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that annual property monitoring visits were completed with no easement violations found. The ACEP application deadline is January 16, 2016; much earlier than in previous years.

Greenbelt: Cares reported that the Greenbelt Commission did not meet.

Old Business:

A. PDR flyer mailing review

The successful mailing was discussed.

B. Budget discussion

Motion Westman, second Cares to table the budget discussion until the January meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Installment payments

Lonik reported that the county attorney was continuing to work on this.

Closed Session:

Motion Cares, second Bloomer to close the open session at 7:12 p.m. and go into closed session in order to discuss confidential applications to the PDR program.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Bloomer, second Cares to return to open session at 7:58 pm. All ayes, motion carried

The WTFOSPB returned to open session at 7:58 pm.

New Business:

A. Election of officers for 2016

Motion Bloomer, second Nordblom to elect John Westman as Chairman for 2016. All ayes, motion carried. Motion Nordblom, second Bloomer to elect Jean Cares as Vice Chairman for 2016. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Set meeting dates for 2016

Motion Westman, second Nordblom to continue meeting on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. except February. The February meeting will be on the 15th (third Monday), at 6:30 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Review scoring systems

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to table this discussion until the January meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

D. WIFI password for township hall

Westman agreed to find determine and provide this information in January.

Correspondence:

Letter from Legacy Land Conservancy was received.

Call to Public:

None present.

Adjournment:

Motion Cares, second Bloomer to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westman, Chair

