



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting January 11, 2010

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on January 11, 2010 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Approve Minutes

Motion Bloomer, second Perry to approve the regular session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting December 14, 2009 as will be amended by striking the words "forming committee."

All ayes, motion carried.

Motion Cares, second Bloomer to approve the closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for December 14, 2009. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

(1) Township Board approved \$4500 for the two appraisals.

(2) Terms for WTFOSPB members Westman, Cares, and Perry were beyond the date for reappointment. Would new appointments start now in January or would they be retroactive? Westman will have to find out from Kingsley and Heller.

(3) Township Supervisor Kingsley will bring a proposed budget to the next Township Board Meeting.

Approve Agenda

Motion Perry, second Bloomer to approve January 11, 2010 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

Russel Strach present to discuss property 8080 Mast Road eligibility for federal grant.

Approve Bills

Monthly the board will look at and approve Lonik's invoice. Once approved Heller will pay the invoice. Motion Westman, second Perry to approve December invoice for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,091.40 as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

Covered under Chairman's remarks.

Consultant:

Lonik stated that the Nixon deal closed December 29, 2009. It is 265 acres for nearly \$2 million (roughly \$7,000/acre). The Township portion was \$200,000.

Greenbelt:

Greenbelt will be submitting FRPP (Farm and Ranchland Preservation Program) applications along with the Township.

Motion Perry, second Bloomer to have Westman present a proposal to the Township Board for a page on the website to be dedicated to the progress of FOSPB including a map of properties currently protected. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business

A. Discuss Bylaws Amendment

Proposed bylaws revision will be addressed at next Township Board Meeting.

B. Review budget

Reviewed the current budget. Plan on making a recommendation for next year's budget next month.

C. Review revised consultant contract

Motion Perry, second Bloomer to recommend to board of trustees to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement submitted by Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. effective April 1, 2010. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

New Business

None.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

8:10 p.m. motion Cares, second Perry to close the open session and open the closed session in order to discuss confidential applications. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

Open session resumed at 8:59 p.m.

Correspondence

Letter from Russel and Rachael Strach.

Call to Public

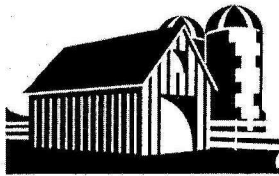
None present.

Adjournment

Motion Perry, second Bloomer to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Mitzel



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting February 8, 2010

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on February 8, 2010 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Approve Minutes

Motion Bloomer, second Perry to approve the regular session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting January 11, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve the closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for January 11, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Westman would like these meetings to stay focused on topics.

Approve Agenda

Motion Perry, second Cares to approve February 8, 2010 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

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

Reports

Township Board:

Chairman Westman reviewed information from the last Township Board meeting.

Consultant:

Lonik had no report at this time.

Greenbelt:

Bloomer mentioned that the Ann Arbor Greenbelt meets this Wednesday.

Old Business**A. Discuss Budget**

Motion Bloomer, second Perry that we recommend the township board adopt the budget draft dated "1/29/2010 3:09 PM" as the PDR budget. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

New Business**A. Annual Report**

Lonik will prepare the annual report based upon the calendar year.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

6:58 p.m. motion Bloomer, second Perry to close the open session and open the closed session in order to discuss confidential applications. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

Open session resumed at 7:55 p.m.

Correspondence

None.

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Perry, second Bloomer to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Mitzel



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting March 8, 2010

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on March 8, 2010 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Approve Minutes

Motion Perry,

second Bloomer to approve the regular session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as amended for February 8, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Perry to approve the closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for February 8, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Township Supervisor Kingsley present to discuss the budget that the Township Board adopted at their meeting held February 23, 2010.

Approve Agenda

Motion Perry,

second Bloomer to approve March 8, 2010 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

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

Reports



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Township Board:

- (1) Chairman Westman reviewed information regarding the Township budget that was adopted at the February 23, 2010 Township Board meeting for 2010-2011.
- (2) This included the PDR budget that was recommended at the February 8, 2010 WTFOSPB meeting.

Consultant:

Lonik reported that now that FRPP deadline has passed he will be getting back to preparing a mailing to landowners with 15+ acres who have not applied in the past to see if they would be interested in being included with FRPP.

Greenbelt:

Bloomer had no report at this time.

Old Business

A. Annual Report

Lonik presented the annual report prepared for the Township Board. It included information from 2009 through February 2010. Chairman Westman requested that everyone review the annual report.

New Business

A. Legal Representation

The existing attorney used by WTFOSPB will be moving out of state. Lonik will bring back a recommendation for a replacement.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

7:25 p.m.

motion Perry, second Bloomer to close the open session and open the closed session in order to discuss confidential applications. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

Open session

resumed at 7:36 p.m.

It was decided to add a discussion on strategies for preserving land in the northern part of the Township to the agenda for April 12, 2010 meeting.

Correspondence

Received a copy of the Township online survey results from Rob Mitzel. Chairman Westman requested that everyone look at and review these survey results so the WTFOSPB board can talk about them at the April 12, 2010 meeting.

Call to Public

None present.



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Adjournment

Motion Perry, second Cares to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Mitzel



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board Regular Meeting April 12, 2010

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:31pm, by Chairman John Westman on April 12, 2010 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 Bloomer second Martin to approve the regular minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting March 8, 2010. All ayes and carried.

Motion Bloomer second Cares to approve the closed minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting March 8, 2010. All ayes and carried.

Chairman's remarks

Heidi Mitzel is unavailable to take the minutes this month, Cynthia Zuccaro will be filling in.

Approve Agenda

Motion Perry second Bloomer to approve the April 12, 2010 agenda with the addition of *C. Annual Report* under Old Business and *A. Property Selection* under New Business. All ayes and carried.

Call to Public

none

Approve Bills

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

Reports

A. Township Board

Westman announced that new township hall hours were adopted:

M – Th 8:00am – 4:00pm. *closed on Fridays.

Also, the BOT made a few adjustments on last year's budget, due to some minor overruns.

Consultant

Lonik had a site visit today with the FRPP coordinator; The FRPP received 26 applications this year, 12 awards are pending out of the 26. Four of the awards are said to be going to Washtenaw County: one to the Greenbelt, one to Ann Arbor Township and two for Webster Township.

Greenbelt

Bloomer will report in closed session.

Old Business

A. Planning Commission Land Use Survey

The results of the Planning Commission's *Land Use Survey* were discussed.

B. Review Proposed Attorney Credentials

Motion Bloomer second Erica to recommend to the BOT a contract with Joe Fazio to serve as attorney for the WTFOSPB in lieu of Jim Govert as of May 1, 2010.

All ayes, motion carried.

C. Annual Report

Motion Bloomer second Martin to accept the *March 2010 WTFOSPB Annual Report* as presented and prepared by Barry Lonik.

All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

A. Property Selection Process

The distribution of funds to the Greenbelt area versus other areas in the township that have much less opportunity for matching funds, and the possibility of setting aside funds for Open Space was discussed. Further discussion in closed session.

Close Open Session – Open Closed Session

7:40pm, 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 9:02pm.

Correspondence

Westman presented an inquiry to Lonik.

Call to Public

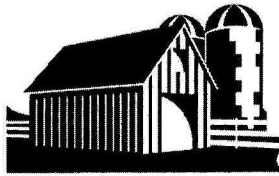
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Adjourn

Motion Martin second Perry to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Zuccaro



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting May 10, 2010

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on May 10, 2010 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Approve Minutes

Motion Bloomer, second Martin to approve the regular session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for April 12, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Martin to approve the closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for April 12, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Westman appreciates all members responding quickly to his emails when it looked like we might have to have a special meeting to deal with issues that arose. It is very helpful to get quick responses from everyone.

Approve Agenda

Motion Martin, second Cares to approve May 10, 2010 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

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

Reports

Township Board:

- (1) Chairman Westman reported that the Township Board did approve the change in attorneys from Jim Govert to Joseph Fazio.
- (2) Westman also showed a copy of the Township Board Meeting Agenda for next week.

Consultant:

- (1) Lonik received a letter from Joseph Fazio stating that Fazio would retain the same billing rate Jim Govert used. This would be for the balance of 2010 and for any files that are currently in place.
- (2) Mailings to landowners were sent out. For the first time, mailings were sent not only to those who have 35 acres or more but also those who have more than 15 acres. That was about 160 pieces.
- (3) A few meetings back, Lonik had been asked to compile the acreage that was on the protected properties so far, that was not agricultural but was woods, wetlands or ponds. Lonik reported that of the 647 acres protected so far with Township involvement: there are 70 acres of woods and 37 acres of wetlands or ponds. (107 acres out of 647 acres is about 16 ½ %).

Greenbelt:

Bloomer will report in the closed session.

Old Business

A. Funding for Open Space

It was decided to revisit this topic, if needed, after holding other discussions where allocated money will be spent.

New Business

A. Discuss additional available FRPP funding

Lonik reported that Brian Thomas, FRPP coordinator in MI, helped get additional funding for properties in reallocation process.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

6:55 p.m. motion Martin, second Cares to close the open session and open the closed session in order to discuss new FRPP funding opportunities. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

Open session resumed at 8:37 p.m.

Correspondence

Letter received from Attorney Joseph Fazio.

Call to Public

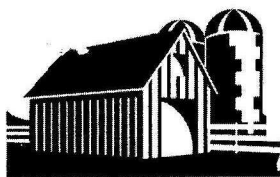
None present.

Adjournment

Motion Perry, second Bloomer to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Mitzel



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting June 14, 2010

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on June 14, 2010 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Approve Minutes

Motion Bloomer, second Perry to approve the regular session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for May 10, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve the closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for May 10, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Westman has asked Township Clerk to look into correct procedure for closed session minutes.

Approve Agenda

Motion Perry, second Martin to approve June 14, 2010 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

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



Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting June 14, 2010

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on June 14, 2010 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Approve Minutes

Motion Bloomer, second Perry to approve the regular session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for May 10, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve the closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for May 10, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Westman has asked Township Clerk to look into correct procedure for closed session minutes.

Approve Agenda

Motion Perry, second Martin to approve June 14, 2010 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

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



**Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board
Special Meeting July 13, 2010**

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:33pm, by Chairman John Westman on July 13, 2010 at the township hall, 5665 Webster Church Road Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Absent: Jean Cares & Erica Perry.

Receive and discuss consultant's report

See Closed Session.

Review the proposed cooperative agreement: No. 73-5D21-10-42

The cooperative agreement was discussed and reviewed.

Motion Bloomer second Martin to recommend to the BOT that they approve the Cooperative Agreement 73-5D21-10-42.

All ayes, motion carried.

Close Open Session – Open Closed Session

6:55pm, motion Bloomer second Martin 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 7:23pm.

Motions

Motion Bloomer second Martin to recommend the BOT authorize the commission of surveys for two properties that applied to the Webster Township PDR program, not to exceed \$2150.00.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Westman second Bloomer to recommend the BOT authorize the commission of Environmental Assessments for three properties that applied to the Webster Township PDR program, not to exceed \$7500.00.

Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

none

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Zuccaro

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting August 9, 2010

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on August 9, 2010 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Erica Perry and P.J. Martin.

Approve Minutes

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve the regular and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for June 14, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve the regular and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB special meeting of July 13, 2010 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Westman reported that Township Supervisor, Kingsley, is home and recovering well from his surgery.

Township board did approve the money for surveys and environmental assessments.

Approve Agenda

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve August 9, 2010 agenda with changes of #9 New Business to become #10 and have #10 closed session become #9. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve June invoice for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve July invoice for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve invoice for monitoring Smyth property for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

Westman will let us know when Department of Agriculture power point presentation will take place.

Consultant:

- (1) County Board of Commissioners voted last week unanimously to put the renewal of the Natural Area Preservation Program millage before the voters in November. The ordinance for the program is changed to 25% of the money can be used for farmland preservation.
- (2) Lonik presented and reviewed Revenue and Expenditure Report for Webster Township ending March 31, 2010.

Greenbelt:

Bloomer reported about Bus Tour that toured Greenbelt properties inside Webster Township as well as other townships. Greenbelt will not be meeting this month.

Old Business

None.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

7:15 p.m. motion Bloomer, second Cares to close the open session and open the closed session to review applications to FRPP program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

Open session resumed at 8:20 p.m.

New Business: Amendment to Agreement No. 73-5D21-10-42

Motion Bloomer, second Cares we recommend to BOT increase original request for survey of two properties to increase it by \$250.00. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to request for BOT to expend up to \$8500.00 to commission an appraisal, a survey and an environmental assessment on a property that has received a commitment for federal funding and has submitted an application to WTFOSPB. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Cares we recommend to Webster BOT to direct Township Supervisor to sign amended agreement No. 73-5D21-10-42. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence

None.

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Cares, second Bloomer to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Mitzel



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting September 13, 2010

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on September 13, 2010 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Members absent: Tom Bloomer and P.J. Martin.

Approve Minutes

Motion Cares, second Perry to approve the regular and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for August 9, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

- (1) Chairman Westman reported that Bill Sinkule is willing to prepare packets for FRPP meetings.
- (2) Westman reported about the right to farm presentation he attended.
- (3) Township Board approved money for surveys, appraisals and assessments.
- (4) Township Board directed Township Supervisor, Kingsley, to sign the amended cooperative agreement.
- (5) Zoning ordinance is on hold until the planning commission has a new public hearing to approve the new zoning map.

Approve Agenda

Motion Perry, second Cares to approve September 13, 2010 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

Motion Perry, second Cares to approve August invoices for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

Chairman Westman reported under Chairman's remarks.

Consultant:

Lonik reported on Gordon Hall annual monitoring he conducted on August 18. He reported that there has been evidence of heavy machinery rolling over the grass leaving imprints, utility pole and cable on the ground, construction debris, soil disturbance for utility work, and nursery stock being stored there. Lonik took pictures, wrote a letter to Gil Campbell with update and he recommends a follow up visit in September to see if these issues have been addressed.

Greenbelt:

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

7:15 p.m. motion Cares, second Perry to close the open session and open the closed session in order to review properties that have been submitted to our program and have received federal grants. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

Open session resumed at 7:50 p.m.

Correspondence

None.

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Perry, second Cares to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Mitzel



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board

Regular Meeting October 11, 2010

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on October 11, 2010 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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

Approve Minutes

Motion Cares, second Bloomer to approve the regular and closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for September 13, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

In November we need to elect a chair and a vice chair for this committee.

Approve Agenda

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve October 11, 2010 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

Motion Bloomer, second Martin to approve September invoices for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

Chairman Westman will not be able to attend the October Township Board Meeting.

Consultant:

None in the open session.

Greenbelt:

Bloomer reported that the Charlie Brown easement has officially been completed.

Old Business

Gordon Hall Site Visit. Lonik re-visited Gordon Hall on October 8, 2010 to recheck condition of property since he was there one month ago. He found more debris and soil disturbance. Board decided to have Lonik send another letter asking for a response or action within a certain time and invite them to come to a meeting to discuss easement obligations.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

7:33 p.m. motion Martin, second Perry to close the open session and open the closed session in order to consider confidential applications to our PDR program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

Open session resumed at 8:35 p.m.

New Business

Expenditure Recommendation. Motion Westman, second Martin to recommend to BOT to approve expenditures not to exceed \$685,000 be made for the purchase of development rights for four properties that have applied to and have been provided federal funding in our Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program. Property I.D. numbers to be provided prior to the consideration by the Board of Trustees. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence

None.

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Westman, second Bloomer 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 November 8, 2010

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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 Martin, second Perry to approve the open session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting as presented for October 11, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion Cares, second Martin to approve the closed session minutes of the WTFOSPB meeting of October 11, 2010 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

(1) Chairman Westman reported that there is a guest attending the meeting and he will have a chance to comment in the call to public section.

(2) Chairman Westman reported that Bill Sinkule is doing a good job composing the packets for the WTFOSPB meetings.

Approve Agenda

Motion Perry, second Martin to approve November 8, 2010 revised agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

A Mr. Jekabson was present. He is a surveyor and a Webster township resident.

Approve Bills

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

Westman requested that Lonik give him a copy of the Board of Trustees resolution he prepared to have for future reference.

At 6:55 p.m. Martin left WTFOSPB meeting.

Reports

Township Board:

- (1) Chairman Westman did not attend last board meeting. Westman reported that the Township Board did approve the expenditures that WTFOSPB had requested.
- (2) Westman reported that on the agenda for the next township board meeting the master plan approval and the new zoning ordinance will be voted on.

Consultant:

- (1) Lonik met today, November 8, 2010, with the Masts, Jason Wylie on behalf of Kathleen Sullivan and Veronica Paddock on behalf of the Ledwidge estate along with Brian Thomas. They all signed a Confirmation of Matching Funds form.
- (2) Lonik reported that Washtenaw County Natural Area program was renewed for 10 years.
- (3) Lonik agreed to write an article on land preservation successes for Ann Arbor Observer.

Greenbelt:

None in open session.

Old Business

Gordon Hall site visit. Lonik prepared a letter which Chairman Westman signed. Lonik sent this letter along with a CD of pictures of Gordon Hall property he had taken during previous site visits to Gil Campbell asking someone to attend tonight's meeting.

Mr. Bishop from Historical Society attended this meeting to discuss easement issues. He reported that a new well was put in for Gordon Hall because previous well had been located on Cedars property. Electrical lines were reason for first disturbance.

This board needs Historical Society to better communicate changes they want to make and present written plans so plans can be reviewed by board to avoid surprises and are aware of what is going on.

Westman will report to Township Board that we were assured by Mr. Bishop that everything has been taken care of and any other nursery grading that needs to still be done will be taken care of in the spring.

Historical Society will provide us their contact person in dealing with future issues.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

7:46 p.m. motion Perry, second Bloomer to close the open session and open the closed session to review applications to FRPP program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Re-open Open Session

Open session resumed at 8:10 p.m.

New Business

A. Election of officers.

Motion Perry, second Bloomer to re-elect John Westman as Chair for WTFOSPB. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to re-elect Erica Perry as Vice Chair for WTFOSPB. All ayes, motion carried.

Appointed Heidi Mitzel as recording secretary.

B. Discussion of budget for recurrent PDR activities.

Lonik will provide an estimate for monitoring costs and a standard monitoring check list.

Future monitoring and legal representation costs may be responsibility of Township Board.

Correspondence

Call from Mr. Jekabson.

Call to Public

None present.

Gordon Hall

Lonik will draft a follow up letter outlining what was discussed in tonight's meeting with Mr. Bishop. Letter to include that the Historical Society will monitor contractor to make sure debris on property will be cleaned up, new well was for exclusive use of Gordon Hall and we recognize this as being a permitted use and Historical Society will provide us detailed plans for all future modifications on property.

Adjournment

Motion Bloomer, second Perry 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 December 13, 2010

The Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman John Westman on December 13, 2010 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Chairman John Westman, Tom Bloomer, Jean Cares, P.J. Martin, Erica Perry and 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 November 8, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

- (1) Chairman Westman reported that there is a rescheduled Township Board meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. tonight (December 13, 2010) which Westman will need to attend.
- (2) Westman has copies of survey bid from Lonik regarding survey bid from Mr. Jekabson.

Approve Agenda

Motion Martin, second Cares to approve December 13, 2010 agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Call to Public

None present.

Approve Bills

Motion Bloomer, second Cares to approve November invoice for Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports

Township Board:

- (1) Chairman Westman reported that the Township Board is concerned that we may run out of money. We need to pay attention so this does not happen.
- (2) Westman reported that at the last Township Board meeting the master plan was approved but the zoning ordinance is still being worked on.
- (3) Dexter Fire department has decided to stay with DAFD and not go with Chelsea.

Consultant:

- (1) Lonik reported about the November 30, 2010 closing of 3 properties: Ledwidge, Mast and Sullivan. Whitney property is scheduled to close mid December.
- (2) Lonik reported on Gordon Hall situation. Westman will attend a meeting at the Historical Society in February.
- (3) Lonik had revised map of protected properties and charts with numbers of property acquisitions. 20 % of 1084 acres had natural features on them.

Greenbelt:

- (1) Bloomer reported that Clark and Whitney properties are scheduled to close mid December. Greenbelt was pleased with the amount township donated for Whitney property.
- (2) Greenbelt is looking for more property to submit for federal funding by February.

Old Business

Gordon Hall site visit.

Covered previously under consultant.

Close Open Session, Open Closed Session

7:09 p.m. motion Perry, second Martin to close the open session and open the closed session to discuss confidential applications to FRPP program. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

At 7:36 p.m. Westman left WTFOSPB meeting.

Re-open Open Session

Open session resumed at 7:45 p.m.

New Business

A. Meeting schedule for 2011.

The Board will meet on the third Monday of January 2011 and the rest of the year will meet on the second Monday of each month. The dates for 2011 are: Jan 17, Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9, Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12.

B. Discussion of budget for recurrent PDR activities.

Lonik will provide, at January's meeting, an estimate for monitoring costs and a standard monitoring check list.

C. Bus tour of protected Webster Twp. Properties.

- (1) Discussed idea of a having a township hall celebration party with property owners and citizens of the township in the spring along the lines of educating people.
- (2) When the weather is nicer we are interested in having a bus tour similar to what the Greenbelt did in September.
- (3) Discussed importance of making signs for PDR properties that has lettering more legible.

D. Expenditure Recommendation. Motion Martin, second Bloomer to recommend to BOT to get approval for an appraisal on an unidentified property not to exceed \$3,000. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence

None.

Call to Public

None present.

Adjournment

Motion Bloomer, second Martin to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Mitzel