



## **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 FOSP 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