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OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSLP COMMITTEE Thursday, January 6, 2022

Present: Chairperson Laura Sanders, Vice-Chairperson Michelle Stamboulellis, Secretary Dianne Monier, Kathy Bradbury, Ginny Leikam, Dale Lesser. Absent: Mark Teicher.

Also present: Barry Lonik, OSLP Consultant, and Janis Miller, Recording Secretary.

Audience present: Nick Stamboulellis, Rick Monier, and Ramiro Martinez

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
2. **Approval of Agenda:**
Discussion: As Barry Lonik is coming from another meeting it was agreed to move the discussions in #5 & #7 to the end of the agenda.
Moved by Bradbury, seconded by Stamboulellis, to approve the agenda as amended.
All ayes, Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
Moved by Leikam, seconded by Bradbury, to approve the meeting minutes of December 2, 2021, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. **Notification of Board of Trustee approvals for OSLP initiatives:**
The Board of Trustees approved the Conservation Easement Monitoring Policy and the application for the recommended property to the State of Michigan program [at the December 21, 2021 Board of Trustee meeting]. Consultant Lonik is working on the application for the Monier property.
5. **Report on the State of Michigan PDR proposal:** Barry Lonik
See below.
6. **Check in with Mark Teicher and Kathy Bradbury regarding any progress of the Master Plan Commission [Steering Committee].**
Note, Michelle Stamboulellis is also on the Steering Committee.

The committee has met twice. Consultant Michelle Bennett shared her thoughts on growth in Dexter Township. She doesn't know about the land preservation taking place.

7. **Discuss putting out a Request for Proposal to hire a consultant to act on land preservation initiatives beginning April:** Laura and Michelle
see below
8. **Discuss and agree on a recommendation to the Board of Trustees for amount (how many mills) and length of the millage proposal:** Laura
see below
9. **Public Comment:** Opened 7:21 PM. No Public Comments. Closed 7:21 PM.
10. **Detail dates and program plans for hosting a meeting at the Township Hall for selected landowners, and the outreach letter and invitation to landowners:** Facilitated by Laura
Discussion on event in February, suggested by Leikam that it be in March. Invitation only for a small number of interested and eligible landowners. Mention speakers on the invitation. At the event have landowners who have PDR's give testimonials. Power point presentation as this will be an educational event. Recording the event and finding a way to post it on the website. Decision to have the event on Thursday, March 3rd in lieu of the OSLP meeting. Invitation will be written for next meeting, and reviewed by committee.
11. **Update on landowner names and addresses, and language for proposed letter and invitation to landowners to the event:** Ginny
Leikam will present letter to committee at the next meeting.
12. **Discuss recommendation for Barry Lonik to review language of Ordinance 37, including scoring criteria, and suggest modification for our next meeting in February:**
Discussion: The committee agreed that Consultant Lonik should review Ordinance 37, especially the scoring of property, and make suggestions for revision. How to decide which properties are a priority for preservation.
13. **Report on public mailing [December 15] and updates to the OSLP webpage:** Michelle Stamboulellis handed out samples of the postcards that were mailed in December. She also handed out a sheet that showed how many were sent to route in Dexter, Chelsea, and Pinckney. The OSLP Web Page on the Dexter Township Web site is doing well.
14. **Update on inventory of possible water related preservation areas:** Mark
In process. As Mark is not here tonight, he sent an email "As far as the riparian and water-related land inventory, I am still gathering data. I have received info and maps from the Huron River Watershed Council, Washtenaw County (thank you Ginny) and working on other sources and then putting it all in an organized fashion."

8:11 pm Barry Lonik arrives

8. **Discuss and agree on a recommendation to the Board of Trustees for amount (how many mills) and length of the millage proposal:** Laura

Discussion of how much money the OSLP needs through a millage and for how long.

Documents regarding the agenda items can be obtained at the Township Hall during normal business hours, the Townships website: www.dextertownship.org and can be viewed on ew.livestream.com/dextertownship.org.

Options discussed were 0.5 mills, 0.55 mills, 0.6 mills, 0.65 mills, and 0.7 mills.

Motion by Leikam, second by Stamboulellis, to recommend to the Dexter Township Board of Trustees approving a land preservation millage for the duration of 10 years at a rate of 0.5mills.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Bradbury, Lesser, Monier, Leikam, Stamboulellis, Sanders;
Nays – None; Absent – Mark Teicher. **Motion carried 6-0.**

5. **Report on the State of Michigan PDR proposal:** Barry Lonik
Consultant Lonik said the first application from Dexter Township, to the State of Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund, looks good. The State usually grants 4-5 of the applications per year. The decision will be made in March or April.
7. **Discuss putting out a Request for Proposal to hire a consultant to act on land preservation initiatives beginning April 1:** Laura and Michelle Stamboulellis, with help from Leikam and DPZ Rohr, will put together a Request for Proposal and present it at the next meeting.
15. **Identify and discuss key events in spring and summer 2022 for outreach:**
Discussion for February 3rd meeting.
16. **Public Comment:** Opened 8:54 PM. No Public Comments. Closed 8:54 PM.
17. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Monier, Secretary

Janis Miller, Recording Secretary