



DEXTER TOWNSHIP

OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSLP COMMITTEE Thursday, February 3, 2022

Present: Chairperson Laura Sanders, Vice-Chairperson Michelle Stamboulellis, Secretary Dianne Monier, Kathy Bradbury, Dale Lesser.

Absent: Mark Teicher, Ginny Leikam, and Recording Secretary Janis Miller

Also present: Barry Lonik, OSLP Consultant

Audience present: Nick Stamboulellis, and Rick Monier

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairperson Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:**
Moved by Monier, seconded by Bradbury, to approve the agenda.
All ayes, Motion carried.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from January 6th meeting:**
Moved by Bradbury seconded by Stamboulellis, to approve the meeting minutes of January 6, 2022. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 4. Announcement of approval of BOT for our millage proposal:** Laura
The BOT approved our millage proposal of 0.5 mill for 10 years.
- 5. Revisit Request for Proposals to hire a consultant to act on land preservation initiatives beginning April 1:** Laura and Michelle
Michelle Stamboulellis, Ginny Leikam, and David Rohr are the representatives. Sanders express it is a waste of time and effort to reopen this issue. Lesser said we need to follow protocols and do the RFP

Motion by Lesser to do the RFP, no second, motion fails. Need more discussion.

Michelle Stamboulellis will put the RFP on the Dexter Township website. Do not need to put it in the newspaper.

Motion by Lesser, second by Monier, to do the RFP to hire a consultant to act on land preservation initiatives beginning April 1st to be posted on the Dexter Township website for 1 week. All ayes. Motion carried

6. Public Comment:

Barry Lonik – Congratulated the OSLP committee on the approval of the millage proposal. He suggested to create two separate committees: a campaign committee and an official board. (see below).

7. Update on program plans for land-owner’s meeting at Township Hall including invitation, preparation and program: Dale

Leikam and Lesser will complete the invitation letter for land-owners of 30 acres or more. Stamboulellis to mail out the invitation to the land-owners. Leikam will be in charge of the education program. Bradbury will be the hostess, with help of others.

This meeting will be on Thursday March 3rd at 7:00 pm in lieu of the OSLP meeting.

8. Barry Lonik has reviewed Ordinance 37 and will make recommendations for modifications to the Committee for discussion: Barry

Barry Lonik updated Ordinance 37 about 5 years ago. The OSLP Committee received the revised PDR Ordinance. The new PDR Ordinance addresses both farmland and open space.

Motion by Sanders, second by Bradbury, to admen the agenda, item #8, to remove “and approval”. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Discussion of dissolution of the OSLP Committee to two potential entities: Laura and Barry

The OSLP committee is an exploratory committee to only engage and educate the community. Dexter Township needs to create an official board to make decisions on grant applications, guidance, and scoring of properties. This board needs to be in place before the elections in November, preferably by September. Dexter Township also needs to create a campaign committee to educate and campaign for the millage. The members of the campaign committee will comprise of citizens of the township and not as representatives of the Dexter Township Board or other Committees.

10. Possible Grant Proposal for OSLP funds from Consumer’s Energy: Kathy and Barry
Dexter Township land-owners serviced by Consumer’s Energy can qualify for grant funds. 3 grant applications are allowed for specific properties where Consumer’s Energy will be the primary funder. A letter of intent would need to be submitted by Barry Lonik and Dexter Township supervisor, Diane Ratkovich.

11. Update on inventory of possible water related preservation areas: Mark
Mark is not present. Inventory is still being researched. Will visit in the future

12. Identify and discuss dates for key events in summer 2022 for outreach: Laura Identification and discussion of future key outreach events are deferred to the campaign committee.

13. Public Comment:

Nick Stamboulellis – Suggest that we put aerial videos of the farmlands on the website. Lesser suggested we show the video at outreach events.

Rick Monier – Need to pursue the Consumer’s Energy grant applications.

14. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Monier, Secretary