



# DEXTER TOWNSHIP

## OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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### REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSLP COMMITTEE Thursday, May 5, 2022

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

Absent with notice: Ginny Leikam and Mark Teicher.

Also present: Janis Miller, Recording Secretary.

Audience present: Rick Monier and Marty Straub.

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairperson Sanders called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:**  
*Moved by Monier, seconded by Bradbury, to approve the agenda as presented.  
All ayes. Motion carried.*
- 3. Approval of Minutes:**  
*Moved by Monier, seconded by Bradbury, to approve the meeting minutes of April 7, 2022, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.*
- 4. Report on the revision approval of Ordinance #37:** Marty Straub, the Chair of the Planning Commission will explain the process and timeline for getting approval of our recommended changes.  
  
PC Chair Marty Straub stated that Ordinance #37 came out of old zoning and planning laws. Although Code Ordinances normally do not need Planning Commission review, this ordinance does. The process is: 1) Planning Commission Public Hearing at their May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting and then, 2) the Board of Trustees review and either adopt, or returned to Planning Commission for further review, at their June 21 meeting.
- 5. Public Comment:** (non-agenda items) Opened 8:09 pm. No comments. Closed 8:09 pm
- 6. Update on funding sources for OSLP and pending applications:** Barry Lonik  
Barry said that the Monier property had been nominated for the Federal Conservation Easement Program and that he should hear in July whether it was granted. He also noted that due to staff shortages at the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS) the status of funding for 2020 & 2021 awards is being reviewed slowly.

7. **Report on HRWC coalition of townships pursuing millage ballot proposals:** Michelle  
No HRWC meeting this month. Most townships who have land preservation millage's also have campaign committees. Michelle encouraged everyone to reach out through their networks to find people willing to be on a Dexter Township Land Preservation campaign committee. Barry Lonik offered to have an organizational committee meeting at his house on May 15<sup>th</sup>, around 1 or 2 pm. As the OSLP Consultant he cannot be part of the committee but he wants to start organizing a core committee of about 6 – 10 Dexter Township residents.
8. **Review our timeline for millage proposal and next steps:** Laura, Michelle  
Michelle handed out the Attorney approved ballot language that will be presented to the Township Board of Trustees for approval on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Dexter Township Farmland and Open Space Land Preservation Millage proposal will be on the November 1<sup>st</sup> ballot.
9. **Planning for summer “Celebration of Farmers and Farmland” event:** Laura  
Discussion of an event that would be prior to Labor Day, possibly Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Part of the event would to educate what is happening In the Open Space and Land Preservation Committee and inform those attending of the ballot proposal (without campaigning for it).
10. **Discussion on the creation of an official OSLP Board:** Laura  
Forming a Board after the millage, possibly best timing would be in January 2023. The request would have to go to the Dexter Board of Trustees.
11. **Public Comment:** Opened 8:55 pm. None comments. Closed 8:55 pm
12. **Adjournment:** With the agenda complete, Chairperson Sanders declared the meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

*NOTE:*

*OSLP will not be meeting in June. The next scheduled meeting will be July 7<sup>th</sup>.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Dianne Monier, Secretary

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Janis Miller, Recording Secretary