



# DEXTER TOWNSHIP

## OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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### REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSLP COMMITTEE Thursday, Aug 4, 2022

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

Also present: Barry Lonik, OSLP Consultant.

Audience present: Rick Monier and Sue Bade.

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairperson Sanders called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:**  
Item #3 – Change May OSLP meeting to July OSLP meeting  
*Moved by Leikam, seconded by Stamboulellis, to approve the agenda as amended.  
All ayes. Motion carried.*
- 3. Approval of Minutes:**  
*Moved by Stamboulellis, seconded by Monier, to approve the minutes of July 7, 2022 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.*
- 4. Public Comment:** (non-agenda items). Opened 8:03 PM. No comments
- 5. Update on funding sources for OSLP and pending applications:** Barry Lonik  
The State of Michigan now has available money from return of funds from a property that is no longer participating in the PDR program. Part of the freed up money will go to a property in Berrien County. The remainder money is slated for the Monier property in Dexter Township (\$245,000). ~~Washtenaw County~~ USDA cannot extend transfer of freed up money to another property. The return of money to the Federal Grant Program goes to the general fund “Black Hole”. Barry suggest that the OSLP committee make a motion for the BOT to have an appraisal done on the Monier property.

**Motion by Leikam – Move that the OSLP committee to recommend the Board of Trustees to obtain a development appraisal for the Monier Property following guidelines of the State of Michigan and Federal requirements.**

**Seconded by Lesser. 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstained. Motion carried.**

6. **Update on official preparation for millage proposal and next steps:** Barry, Laura  
DTLLP “Dexter Township Land and Lakes Preservation” committee members are volunteers that reside in Dexter Township. The committee met, via Zoom, every 2 weeks for 1 hour. The website is under construction. The committee members will send out a fundraising letter to residents. They established a bank account. Michelle will design a mailer. Plan to have flyers, yard signs, etc.
7. **Report on HRWC – the Huron River Watershed Council coalition and millage campaigns:** Michelle, Barry  
There are other campaign committees in other townships for the November ballot.
8. **Planning for summer “Celebration of Farmers and Farmland” event:** Laura, Michelle  
The Master Plan survey result. 600 individuals completed the survey so far. 79.8% strongly agreed with land preservation. Tentative date for the summer event is Sunday Sept 11, 2022 3 -5 PM. Need to find a location to hold the event. Once a location is established, need to put articles in the Sun Times newspaper. Michelle will mail out a postcard by August 31<sup>st</sup>. This event will be an educational open house for the Dexter Townships residents with a short presentation from Barry, Ginny, and Dale. Draft of the informational flyer will be discussed at the Sept 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Questions to answer: What is the millage? What is the plan? What will the tax payer get for their money?
9. **Discussion on the creation of an official OSLP Board:** Laura  
Will discuss at the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting
10. **Public Comment:** Opened 9:12 PM. No comments.
11. **Adjournment:** With the agenda complete, Chairperson Sanders declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

*NOTE: The next scheduled OSLP meeting will be September 1st.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Dianne Monier, Secretary