



DEXTER TOWNSHIP

OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSLP COMMITTEE Thursday, September 2, 2021

Present: Chairperson Laura Sanders, Vice-Chairperson Michelle Stamboulellis, Secretary Dianne Monier, Kathy Bradbury, Ginny Leikam, Dale Lesser, and Mark Teicher. Absent: None.

Also present: Janis Miller, Recording Secretary.

Audience: Rick Monier, Ramiro Martinez, Frank Johnson, and Nick Stamboulellis.

1. Call to Order and Welcome: Chairperson Sanders called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

#6 on the agenda will be tabled to another meeting.

Motion by Leikam, seconded by Bradbury, to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried 7-1.

3. Welcome Mark Teicher to the committee and introduction:

Mark introduced himself and gave a brief history of his background.

4. Mapping potential farm properties for preservation, and outreach to farmers about the OSLP committee program.

Ginny Leikam displayed two wall maps for discussion; a Dexter Township Natural Areas Map and a Dexter Township Agricultural Map. Discussion on the County wide assessment, criteria (scoring) for and how to prioritize farmland for PDR's, how to reach out to the farmers, where funding comes from, and how to introduce the program locally. Proposed Phase 1 would be outreach to introduce the program to select farmers. Two members of the OSLP Committee would be contacts to start discussions with individual farmers. Proposed Phase 2 would be building a spreadsheet around high quality, medium high quality, and medium quality farmland, finetuning using local knowledge, to prioritize Dexter Township parcels. Proposed Phase 3 would be a mailing to township residents introducing the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program and maybe schedule an informational meeting in January for farmers.

5. Public Comment:

Rick Monier, 13511 Island Lake Road

He commented that the committee was going in the right direction.

Approval of July 22, 2021 minutes not on agenda.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Stamboulellis, to approve the minutes of July 22nd.

Motion carried 7-0.

6. **Addressing the question of a ballot proposal for the 2022 election for a PDR (Purchase of Development Rights) fund for Dexter Township:** Tabled for future discussion.
7. **Public Comment:** Skipped.
8. **Discussion of a spring event to engage and educate the public in land preservation.**
Discussion of planning an event, to inform the farmers, in late February or March 2022. Plan an event in the spring or summer for the general public. Discussion of visiting & touring farms. Conversation about millage and what the community would like. Examine what other townships (Ann Arbor Township, Webster Township, & Scio Township) are doing with land conservancy.
9. **Public Comment:** Skipped.
10. **Discussion of what the OSLP Committee wants on our web-page on the Dexter Township website:** Homework for committee members: Examine what other townships (Ann Arbor Township, Webster Township, Scio Township & Augusta Township) are doing with land conservancy. Look at their websites and note what is appealing about them.
11. **Public Comment:** Skipped.
12. **Adjournment:** With the agenda completed and no further business, Chairperson Sanders declared the meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Monier, Secretary

Janis Miller, Recording Secretary

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