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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Present: Chairperson Mark Teicher; Secretary Kathy Bradbury; Laura Sanders, Township Board Rep.; Guerin Wilkinson, Gretchen Driskell, Marty Ruhlig.

Absent: Scott Joling, with notice.

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

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Teicher called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Bradbury, seconded by Wilkinson, to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 9, 2023, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Driskell, seconded by Sanders, to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes of September 9, 2023 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Wilkinson, seconded by Driskell, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment: No public present.

5. Supervisor's Concerns:

Supervisor Sikkenga would like the Consultant, Barry Lonik, to develop a spending budget for the remainder of this Fiscal Year (ending March 31, 2024). There is a dedicated millage for spending and possibly money from the General Fund that had been allocated to the OSLP when it initially started. Supervisor Sikkenga would also like new applications discussed with her and an update on current applications, for which Barry said he could do by omitting the names and addresses (each applicant has an assigned number).

6. Monthly Report:

Consultant Lonik gave project updates, omitting the names and addresses. He said if any Board member wanted to visit a property they should contact him so he can arrange it with

the property owner.

7. Board Members Visits to the Properties:

Consultant Lonik said if any Board member wanted to visit a property they should contact him so he can arrange it with the property owner.

8. Consultant's Report:

As it is the end of the fiscal year for the Federal Government, everything is shut down, which means the Monier-Van Gorder property will not close in October as planned.

Not on the Agenda: Closed Session

Motion by Teicher, seconded by Sanders, to move the Board into closed session under section 8 of the Open Meetings Act, to consult with our consultant regarding the potential purchase of development rights of certain properties.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Metz, Wilkinson, Bradbury, Sanders, Driskell, Ruhlig and Teicher; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board entered Closed Session at 7:17 PM.

Motion by Wilkinson to return to Open Public Meeting. Motion seconded by Ruhlig. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:02 PM.

9. Public Comment: No public present.

10. Adjournment:

With business finished, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Bradbury, Secretary

Janis Miller, Recording Secretary

Next meeting of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board is November 2, 2023.

Documents regarding the agenda items can be obtained at the Township Hall during normal business hours or the Townships website: www.dextertownship.org.