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OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSLP COMMITTEE Thursday, October 7, 2021

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

Also present: Janis Miller, Recording Secretary.

Audience present: Barry Lonik, and Kim Marinelli.

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairperson Sanders called the meeting to order at 8:07 PM.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:**

Moved by Sanders, seconded by Monier, to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion passed. (Mark Teicher brought up the subject of lakes and wetlands although the motion did not contain any addition to the agenda.)
- 3. OSLP committee advisory role in our master planning process:**

Karen Sikkenga, Trustee and guest speaker summarized the Board of Trustees selection, and hiring, of consulting firm Beckett & Raeder to review the Dexter Township Master Plan. She then updated the committee on the upcoming Board of Trustees Strategic Planning Workshop scheduled for October 10 and 11.
- 4. Report on meetings by Dale and Ginny with select farmers:**

Both Dale and Ginny stated their contact with the farmers is confidential at this time. Dale said they had contacted a few farmers and the process at this time is educating the farmers as to what Property Development Rights are. All agreed that an education meeting of farmers would be best in winter when they are not as busy.
- 5. Intention to request seed money from the Dexter Township General Fund to start a funder OSLP initiative in Dexter Township. How much money should we request?**

Question as to what the money is needed for as there are no applications in the works in Dexter Township. Also noted, there are no other County or State Agencies working on land preservation in Dexter Township. Before money is requested, there needs to be spending parameters developed. Before money is allocated from the general fund or asking for millage, an understanding of other funding (State of Michigan and the Federal Government) and a community interest in PDRs occurs. Discussion on seed money used for education, mailings, and brochures.

Public Comment: Open 8:48pm No public comments. Closed 8:49pm

Discussion on publicity and promotion within a budget. Discussion on getting the landowners to an educational meeting (January or February) and then educating the public with a mailed brochure.

6. Public Comment: Omitted as public comment was solicited a few minutes earlier.

7. Spreadsheet that highlights priorities for owners to receive mailing:

Discussion combined with #9 below.

8. Wording for an outreach letter to select farmland owners – review of a draft letter.

Barry Lonik provided two sample letters for mailing to farmers/landowners. Dale Lesser stated personal contact is better than letters and suggested the mailing not go out until after the first of the year. Dale and Ginny will review the language of the sample letters. Ginny will get addresses for mailing to the landowners/farmers and also produce an updated timeline.

9. Timeline for actions including the mailing to farmers, the two events we have discussing, and a plan for initiation a ballot proposal.

Ginny Leikam presented a timeline to accomplish the committee goals and after discussion she will update the timeline before distribution to the committee. Mark Teicher and Michelle Stamboulellis will work on language for a community wide mailing. Distribution decision (postcard or tax mailing insert) will be discussed at the November OPSL meeting.

10. Discussion of what the OSLP committee wants on our webpage on the Dexter Township website.

Laura Sanders asked if anyone wanted to work on the OSLP Website as it needs content. She asked for suggestions to be emailed to her. Michelle Stamboulellis noted Dexter Township also has a page on Facebook.

Public Comment: Open 9:33pm No public comments. Closed 9:33pm

Not on the agenda:

Mark Teicher brought up the subject of adding the word “Lake” in the committee title. Laura Sanders said the committee needed to know more about the land surrounding the lakes and they needed to come up with language about preserving the land on our lakes.

11. Public Comment: Opened 9:44pm No public comments. Closed 9:44pm

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Monier, Secretary

Janis Miller, Recording Secretary