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REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSLP COMMITTEE Thursday, December 2, 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: Nick Stamboulellis, and Barry Lonik.

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

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Marl Teicher asked that an update on lake preservation be added to the agenda. Ginny Leikam suggested that a standing agenda item should be "Oral Reports" (no action needed).

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

All ayes, motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes for November 4, 2021:

Moved by Teicher, seconded by Bradbury, to approve the minutes of November 4, 2021 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Notification of hiring Barry Lonick to consultation and administrative support to the OSLP committee:

Discussion: Noted by Leikam that this item was not brought before the Open Space and Land Preservation committee, in a Public Meeting, for discussion and recommendation to the Dexter Township Board of Trustees. Sanders responded that there were grants that needed to be applied for by the end of December and it was a Board decision to hire the consultant.

Leikam stated that processes were not in place yet, properties had not been identified that are required for the grant application, the committee is starting off on the wrong foot by not having an open public meeting to consider/recommend consultants, and there is a lot of information that needs to be pulled together before applying for grants. Consultant Lonik said he would reapply the Monier property for a Federal Grant, noting that County Grants, State Grants, and Federal Grants all have different criteria.

Motion by Teicher, seconded by Stamboulellis, to recommend to the [Dexter Township] Board of Trustees, to direct our [the Open Space and Land Preservation] Consultant,

Barry Lonik, to apply to the State Agricultural and Rural Development Agricultural Fund for the best of these two properties, Monier and Esch properties, whichever scores higher.

Discussion: Consultant Lonik says the north Esch property is mostly woods may not do [score] very well, and the Esch agricultural property north of the coffee shop may not be eligible for either grant as it is zoned commercial.

Motion restated:

Motion by Teicher, seconded by Stamboulellis, to recommend to the [Dexter Township] Board of Trustees, to direct our [the Open Space and Land Preservation] Consultant, Barry Lonik, to apply to the State of Michigan's Agricultural Preservation Fund for matching grant funds for the Monier property.

All ayes (6), motion carried. Dianne Monier abstains from voting.

5. **Check in with Mark Teicher and Kathy Bradbury regarding any progress of the Master Planning Commission:** First Committee meeting will be December 20th, 6PM.
6. **Discuss and approve Conservation Easements Monitoring policy to be brought before the Board of Trustees at their December meeting:**
A policy to monitor conservation easements must be in place for Dexter Township to be eligible for State funds. Discussion: Leikam suggested, for future discussion, developing more detailed procedures than what is presented in the draft document. Sanders responded that the draft was fine for the purpose of approval.
Motion by Leikam, seconded by Teicher, to recommend that the Board of Trustees approve it [the Policy on Conservation Easement Monitoring]. All ayes, motion carried.
7. **Public Comment:** Opened 8:06 PM. No Public Comments. Closed 8:06 PM.
8. **Approval of a mailing to the public on OSLP:**
Discussion: The money has already been set aside. Approximately 2,800 11 x 9 postcards will be mailed within two weeks. All agreed to use Stamboulellis' design, no motion.
9. **Update on plan for initiating a ballot proposal:**
Leikam will readjust process timeline (moving everything up) to make sure all deadlines are met, and email the timeline to the committee members.
- 10a. **Update on inventory of water related preservation areas:**
Teicher said that properties have been identified and a study completed by the Huron River Watershed Council which he will present at the next OSLP Meeting.
10. **Update from Ginny on list of addresses for farmers, language for the letter to the farmers, and proposed timing for mailing and events.**
Discussion: Best to have personal contact with the farmers followed by a letter. An [informational] event needs to be promoted to the farmers with the possibility of a well-respected farmer who is in the program to explain the program. How to engage the farmers and what the event will consist of will be discussed at the January OSLP Meeting.

Documents regarding the agenda items can be obtained at the Township Hall during normal business hours, the Townships website: www.dextertownship.org and can be viewed on ew.livestream.com/dextertownship.org.

11. Public Comment: Opened 8:25 PM. No Public Comments. Closed 8:25 PM.

12. Adjournment: With the agenda completed, Chairperson Sanders adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Monier, Secretary

Janis Miller, Recording Secretary