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REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSLP COMMITTEE Thursday, November 4, 2021

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

Also present: Janis Miller, Recording Secretary.

Audience present: Rick Monier, Matt Nolan, and Barry Lonik.

1. Call to Order and Welcome: Chairperson Sanders called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Add agenda item 3a. Master Plan

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

All ayes, motion carried.

3. Approval of minutes from September 2nd and October 7th meetings:

Moved by Lesser, seconded by Teicher, to approve the meeting minutes of September 2, 2021, as amended. All ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Teicher, seconded by Lesser, to approve the meeting minutes of October 7, 2021, as amended. All ayes, motion carried.

3a. Master Planning Process:

Chairperson Sanders stated that the Dexter Township Master Plan would be undergoing a review by consultants and that they were seeking participants in that process. Both Mark Teicher and Kathy Bradbury stated they were interested. Laura Sanders suggested they call the coordinator of the project Trustee Karen Sikkenga.

4. Discuss policy on Conservation Easements Monitoring:

In order for Dexter Township to be eligible for State funds, we must have a policy to monitor conservation easements. Barry Lonik provided a narrative for such a policy for the Committee's review. These need to be approved by the Board of Trustees.

5. Public Comment:

Opened 8:23 PM

Matt Nolan

He stated that easements continue into perpetuity. He inquired who would do the monitoring, at what cost to the Township, and what was required in the monitoring, as he was concerned about the logistics. Leikam stated they were at the beginning of the process and Sanders stated it needed to be addressed by the Township Board of Trustees.

Closed: 8:27 PM

6. Update from Ginny on list of addresses for farmers, language for the letter to farmers, and proposed timing for mailing and events:

Leikam will generate a list of farmers to contact from the priority list. Committee for mass residential mailing language is Teicher and Stamboulellis, although Teicher stated he has tried to contact Stamboulellis without luck. Bradbury will substitute for Stamboulellis for this first mailing.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Monier, to empower Leikam, Teicher, and Bradbury to create and mail a post card to the residents of Dexter Township.

All ayes, motion carried.

7. Timeline and plan for initiating a ballot proposal: (Michelle and Laura)

Discussion of when ballot language needs to be reviewed by the Township Attorney, date it needs to be certified by the County clerk, and when the Dexter Township board of Trustees needs to approve it.

8. Comments on the Little Portage Lake tour with Frank Johnson (Laura)

Laura Sanders and her husband were the only participants of the Little Portage Lake tour. Frank Johnson showed them how pristine the lake is and properties on the lake that needed to be preserved.

9. Comments on preservation issues related to Little Portage Lake and other Dexter Township lakes: (Mark Teicher)

Mark Teicher suggested an inventory of properties on the lakes in the Township. He cited the need to understand conservation and preservation areas already in place, and potential conservation and preservation areas to look at.

Not on the agenda: Discussion of OSLP meetings start time.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Teicher to change the OSLP meeting time to 7:00 PM, starting with the December meeting, until spring when Daylight Savings begins.

All ayes, motion carried.

10. Public Comment:

Opened 9:00 pm

Karen Nolte, Trustee

She noted she had a lake issue and would talk to Mark Teicher after the meeting. She also noted that the proposed ballot language timeline did not leave enough time for the Board of Trustees to make changes and resubmit to the State for approval.

Closed 9:02 pm

11. Adjournment: With the agenda completed, Chairperson Sanders adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Monier, Secretary

Janis Miller, Recording Secretary