



# DEXTER TOWNSHIP

## FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD

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### REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Present: Chairperson Mark Teicher, Vice-Chairperson Scot Joling, Secretary Kathy Bradbury, Laura Sanders, Township Board Rep., Kathy Bradbury, Gretchen Driskell, Marty Ruhlig.

Absent: Guerin Wilkinson.

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

Audience present: No audience.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Teicher called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

*Motion by Driskell, seconded by Joling, to approve the agenda as presented.*

*Motion carried 6-0*

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

*Motion by Driskell, seconded by Sanders, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 4, 2023 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Sanders, seconded by Driskell, to approve the Closed Session minutes of May 4, 2023 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.*

5. **Public Comment – 1<sup>st</sup> call:** No public present.

6. **Consultant's Report – Barry Lonik**

Consultant Lonik noted:

- There are two FOSP items on the Dexter Township Board of Trustees Agenda for the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting: approval of the FOSP Bylaws and approval of monies for an appraisal.
- Due to less demand last year, there is more money available this year of the Federal Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, with up to 50 percent of the appraised

value awarded.

- Barry emailed, to the FOSP Board, the ACEP - ALE (Agriculture Conservation Easement Program – Agriculture Land Easements) ranking system showing the current applicants' specific rankings. Barry reviewed the ACEP-ALE information and Michigan Ranking Form with the Board.
- The 2020 Census shows an increase in farming in Dexter Township.
- Monier property update: Barry sent to County Parks on March 21<sup>st</sup>, with a sixty-day review; an attorney needs to review it within 60 days (May 21<sup>st</sup>). Planning on the Supervisor signing the documents on July 28<sup>th</sup> and closing on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Review of the Buy/Protect/Sell Policy.

**7. Closed Session:**

*Motion by Driskell, seconded by Bradbury, to adjourn into Closed Session.*

*Roll Call Vote: Yea – Joling, Bradbury, Sanders, Driskell, Ruhlig and Teicher;*

*Nays – None; Absent – Wilkinson. Motion carried 6-0.*

The Board entered Closed Session at 7:50 PM.

*Motion by Driskell to return to Open Public Meeting. Motion seconded by Sanders.*

*All ayes. Motion carried.*

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:20 PM.

**8. Public comment – 2<sup>nd</sup> call:** No public present.

**14. Adjournment:** With no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy Bradbury, Secretary

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Janis Miller, Recording Secretary