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OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSLP COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 22, 2021

Present: Chairperson Laura Sanders, Vice-Chairperson Michelle Stamboulellis, Secretary Dianne Monier, Kathy Bradbury, Ginny Leikam, and Dale Lesser.

Absent: Frank Johnson

Also present: Janis Miller, Recording Secretary.

Audience present: Rick Monier, Mary James, Barry Lonik, and Hannah Bradshaw, Outreach Coordinator with the Washtenaw County Conservation District

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairperson Sanders called the meeting to order at 8:08 PM.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:**
Motion by Lesser, seconded by Leikam, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried 6-0
- 3. Clarification and approval of the minutes from the June 17, 2021 meeting:**
Clarification regarding Mr. Rider's public comment at the June 17th OSLP meeting questioning whether Township Board of Trustee action had been taken to form the committee and confirming that Board of Trustees action on March 16, 2021, in the form of a motion, approved the formation of the Open Space and Land Preservation Committee.

Motion by Leikam, seconded by Lesser, to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried 6-0
- 4. Public Comment:**
Each audience member introduced themselves.
- 5. Approval of change in date for committee meetings from third Thursday to the first Thursday of each month:**
Motion by Lesser to recommend to the Dexter Township Board of Trustees that the Open Space and Land Preservation Committee should be added to the Township calendar as meeting on the first Thursday each month. Motion second by Stamboulellis.
Motion carried 6-0

6. Discussion of next meeting for August 5, 2021:

Due to conflicts in several committee member's schedules, this meeting is cancelled.

7. Ginny Leikam's Presentation: Overview of Land Conservation Easements Process:

Leikam's presentation was supported with a handout "Farmland and Open Space Preservation in Washtenaw County". She spoke about current funded programs and gave an overview of Conservation Easements. She also spoke about Farming and Building Envelopes as well as Farmland Easements. She answered questions from the committee members as well as the audience.

8. Barry Lonik Presentation: Land Preservation Programs and Partners:

Lonik's presentation was supported with handout's "Cost of Community Services Study" and "Ann Arbor Township Cost Comparison". He spoke about Washtenaw County's agriculture lands conversion to non-agriculture uses, funding PDR's, current Conversion Easements in Washtenaw County, and the steps needed to procure a PDR.

9. Public Questions and Comments: None.

10. Update on current land preservation projects in Dexter Township:

Discussion on an upcoming closing of a Dexter Township Property Rights Development contract. Leikam stated the County is doing its due diligence

11. Discussion of ideas for a fall social and educational event on Land Preservation issues:

It was determined that fall was too soon for an event so there will be discussion and planning, at future meetings, for a possible spring event.

12. Public Comment:

Rick Monier complemented the committee on a very informative meeting.

13. Adjournment:

Motion by Lesser to adjourn. Motion second by Bradbury.
Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Monier, Secretary

Janis Miller, Recording Secretary