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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD

Thursday, August 1, 2024

Present: Chairperson Mark Teicher; Vice-Chairperson Scott Joling; Township Board Representative Laura Sanders; Secretary Kathy Bradbury; Deb Mielke; Marty Ruhlig; Guerin Wilkinson (left meeting at 8:14 p.m.)

Absent/excused: None

Also present: FOSP Board Consultant, Barry Lonik

Audience present: None

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Teicher called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Motion Ruhlig; support Joling, to approve the agenda as presented for June.
Unanimous voice vote approval.

3. Approval of Past Minutes:

Motion Wilkinson; support Ruhlig, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 11, 2024 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Motion Mielke; support Bradbury, to approve the Closed Session minutes of July 11, 2024 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Sanders abstaining.

4. Public Comment – 1st call: (non-agenda items):

Opened for public comment at 7:08 p.m.

No public comment

Closed for public comment at 7:08 p.m.

5. Consultant's Report:

Lonik briefly reviewed that the Resource Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) application was submitted by Legacy on behalf of Dexter Township and other local partners for \$24,600,000 of which \$2,000,000 is identified for Dexter Township. A determination will be made by year's end. If the full amount is not granted, each grantee's amount will be prorated.

6. Committee Member Q & A: None

7. Closed Session:

Motion Teicher support; Ruhlig, to move the Board into closed session under section 8 of the Open Meetings Act, to consult with our consultant regarding the potential purchase of development rights of certain properties.

Ayes: Teicher; Bradbury; Wilkinson; Joling; Sanders; Ruhlig; Mielke

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries.

The Board Entered Closed Session at 7:14 p.m.

Motion Ruhlig; support Teicher, to return to Open Public Meeting.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:18 p.m.

Motion Teicher; support Joling to recommend to the BOT to move forward with the purchase, up to \$102,000, plus survey fee, plus phase 1 environmental study, for property identified as #2023-2, contingent upon a clean title.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Motion Joling; support Bradbury to recommend to the BOT to purchase the conservation easement on property #2023-4 for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 plus the cost of a survey and phase 1 environmental assessment.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Sanders suggested Lonik attend the next BOT meeting to discuss the above motions. Lonik stated it may be October or November before he can meet with the BOT.

8. Review of Renewal Energy Community Presentation Monday, June 17

A summary of the solar farms meeting was provided to the Planning Commission. They will be working on an ordinance. Sanders recommends checking with Chair Marty Straub for additional information.

9. Public comment – 2nd call:

Opened for public comment at 8:25 p.m.
No public comment
Closed for public comment at 8:25 p.m.

10. Committee Member Comments and New Ideas: None

11. Adjournment:

Motion Mielke; support Joling to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Bradbury, Secretary

Pam Weber, Recording Secretary

*Next meeting of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board is September 5, 2024.
Agenda due date is August 29, 2024*