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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Present: Chairperson Mark Teicher; Vice-Chairperson Scott Joling; Township Board Representative Laura Sanders; Deb Mielke; Marty Ruhlig; Guerin Wilkinson

Absent/excused: Secretary, Kathy Bradbury

Also present: FOSP Board Consultant, Barry Lonik; Pam Weber, Recording Secretary.

Audience present: Tim Sexton, Michelle Stamboulellis

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Teicher called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Motion Wilkinson; support Ruhlig, to approve the agenda as presented for October.
Unanimous voice vote approval with Bradbury absent.

Friendly Amendment

Motion Wilkinson; support Ruhlig, to switch numbers 7 and 8 on the agenda, changing to:

7. Open Session

8. Closed Session

Unanimous voice vote approval with Bradbury absent.

3. Approval of Past Minutes:

Motion Sanders; support Mielke, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of September 5, 2024 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Motion Mielke; support Sanders, to approve the Closed Session minutes of September 5, 2024 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

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

Opened for public comment at 7:03 p.m.

No public comment.
Closed for public comment at 7:04 p.m.

5. Consultant's Report:

- ACEP IRA deadline was October 4th. Resubmitted two properties previously not funded and increased the application to 49% of estimated value, up from 39%, as there are significant funds available. Second and third funding rounds are forthcoming.

6. Committee Member Q & A: None

7. Open Session

8. 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: Mielke, Ruhlig, Joling, Wilkinson, Sanders, Teicher
Nays: None
Absent: Bradbury
Motion Carries.

The Board Entered Closed Session at 7:11 p.m.

Motion Ruhlig; support Sanders, to return to Open Public Meeting.
Unanimous voice vote approval.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:13 p.m.

9. Public comment – 2nd call:

Opened for public comment at 8:16 p.m.
No public comment.
Closed for public comment at 8:16 p.m.

10. Committee Member Comments and New Ideas:

Sanders shared Dexter Township history going back to 2016 and asked that a copy of her written comments be included in the minutes. See attached.

The following questions were raised and there was committee discussion.

1. Joling brought up a question raised by Mielke at the last meeting. Does Lonik have a succession plan if he is unable or unwilling to continue as FOSP consultant. Lonik said he knows of others in various organizations that do similar work. He has no plan to retire or stop working with Dexter Township in the near future.

2. Is there a competitive bidding process for appraisals, surveys, etc.? Joling suggested the possibility of getting bids every few years.
3. Mielke and Ruhlig raised the question of the FOSP consultant reporting directly to the BOT. Sanders pointed to Ordinance 37, which requires a variety of input and expertise including community input and the committee is functioning as the BOT intended.

11. Adjournment:

Motion Ruhlig; support Sanders, to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Joling, Acting Secretary

Pam Weber, Recording Secretary

*Next meeting of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board is November 7, 2024.
Agenda due date is October 31, 2024*