

Land Preservation Committee Meeting September 14, 2017

Notes submitted by Julia Henshaw

Present: Sue Shink, Lenore Zelenock, Jacob Donner, Pat Kelly, Andy Lakatos, Julia Henshaw, Tawn Belinger, Shannon Koenig (and her mother), Steven Aynes (township manager)

Absent: David Perry, Mary Robinson

The agenda was approved; notes from the August meeting were approved.

The revised draft of the committee bylaws was discussed; there were a few small editorial changes to make: consistent use of 'committee' (not 'commission'); 'chair' (not 'chairman'); 'township manager' (not 'supervisor'). Sue will make these changes.

The final draft bylaws will be submitted for board approval with the packet of material for the September 26th meeting; this must be sent **by noon on September 21st**.

Review of Dave's powerpoint presentation followed. It too must be sent **by noon September 21st** to include as hard copy in the packet for the meeting on September 26th. If Dave can't present it on the 26th, Sue and/or Julia are willing.

Changes suggested:

On Why Preserve Land slide, add national and international

On the How Lands Are Preserved slide, change title to How Can Lands Be Preserved
Separate slides to explain each bullet point; Sue will supply language for this

On What Are Necessary Steps: Use Engage the Community

Add maps of property already preserved: Washtenaw Co. Reserves and farms with conservation easements

Shannon mentioned having a display in the library about Land Preservation to educate visitors; she recently moved from Massachusetts

Sue has a petition that is being circulated in Dexter Township in support of land preservation.

Lenore mentioned the possibility of having a yearly assessment on each parcel of land (\$50 perhaps?) rather than a millage; something similar was done by the road commission in Scio Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

