

Land Preservation Committee (LPC)

8350 Main St.

Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

January 10, 2019 – 7:00PM

MINUTES

Call to Order - 7:05pm

Roll Call - LPC Members In attendance:

Julia Henshaw, Mary Robinson, Andy Lakatos and Lenore Zelenock (ex-officio)

Adopt Agenda - the motion to adopt the agenda was approved – moved by Henshaw and supported by Lakatos.

Call to the Public - Members of the public in attendance:

Marlene Chockley

Dale Woolford

Barry Lonik

David Gordon

Board Member Comments:

- Henshaw stated we'd really like Pat Kelley and Jacob Donner involved with the committee, but if not we'd like more representation in the committee.

-Lakatos corrected his name on the agenda.

Minutes were approved. Moved by Zelenock and supported by Henshaw.

Agenda Items

Update from Barry Lonik :

Barry started landowner outreach in November of 2018. He began by developing a database of high priority landowners based on Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation requirements, Agricultural Lands Preservation Advisory Committee (ALPAC), which uses a scoring system to determine priorities, and the Washtenaw County's Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP), who uses discussion and then ranks them. These programs are funded.

Lonik recommends that we don't necessarily need our own funding to work with these programs. We just need to be the vehicle to let landowners about these opportunities.

Lonik's next step was to create a dataset (obtained from the county) to pinpoint the most eligible farms in Northfield Township. Found about 100 that are mainly 40 acres and up.

The committee volunteered to find contact information for the 100 to save Lonik's time. Once he has contact info, he will send out letters and then talk to landowners about land preservation programs through the County, State, and Federal government. He will emphasize it is voluntary to participate.

Approval of upcoming meeting Dates – Feb 28, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9, Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, and Dec 12

2nd Call to the Public:

David Gordon is disappointed with the LPC for not working harder to obtain funding for farmland preservation from this community.

Board Member Comments

Henshaw mentioned the Huron River Watershed Council put together guidelines for communities interested in putting together a mileage.

Adjournment - 8:12pm