

**ADA TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Chairperson Crosby.

Members present: Bergman, Crosby, Damstra (4:10 pm), Haga, LeBlanc, Steketee, VandenBerge

Members absent: Roe, Ladd

Staff present: Parks Director Fitzpatrick, Planning Director Ferro

Public present: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consent.

DISCUSSION AND CLARIFICATION OF ADVISORY BOARD'S JULY, 2014 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TRANSFER OF \$500,000 TO THE PARKS FUND FOR THE ROSELLE PARK RESOURCE BUILDING PROJECT

Ferro and Fitzpatrick provided information regarding the updated cost estimate for the Roselle Park Resource Building project, noting that the total cost estimate of \$1,287,400 includes about \$104,500 for the on-site potable water well, water treatment and waste disposal systems. Ferro stated that the live roof on part of the roof has been added back to the scope of the project, which adds \$22,700 to the project cost. It was noted the green roof was added back to the project based on a donor commitment for the cost.

(Note: Damstra arrived at 4:10 p.m.)

The Board reviewed Ferro's correspondence requesting clarification whether the Advisory Board's intent in its July 2014 recommendation to authorize \$500,000 in Open Space Funds for the Resource Building project was that private donations to the project would be credited back to the Open Space Fund, thereby lowering the \$500,000 contribution.

LeBlanc commented that the completion of this project would be a significant accomplishment that supporters of a Parks and Land Preservation millage renewal ballot proposal in 2016 could point to.

Damstra noted that there are efforts underway to form a ballot proposal committee, anticipating a possible millage renewal proposal.

Following discussion, it was moved by Haga, seconded by VandenBerge, to re-affirm the recommendation that \$500,000 from the Open Space Preservation Fund be transferred to the Park Fund and designated for the Roselle Park Resource Building project costs, irrespective of any private donations that may be received for the project.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Burton Township Clerk