

**ADA TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2013 MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Open Space Preservation Advisory Board was held on Thursday, June 13, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairperson Betty Jo Crosby at the Ada Township Offices, 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada, MI.

**PRESENT:** Dan Bergman, Betty Jo Crosby, George Haga, Elise Roe, Rick Steketee, Jeff VandenBerge

**ABSENT:** Randy Damstra, Jamie Ladd, Paul Leblanc

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Ferro, Planning Director, Mark Fitzpatrick, Parks Director, Geneva Langeland, Parks Intern

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2013 MEETING**

It was moved by Bergman, seconded by VandenBerge, to approve the minutes of the May 9 meeting, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**PROPERTY AT 7535 FASE ST.**

Ferro reported that he and Haga recently presented a proposed option agreement to the property owner, after the owner returned from a vacation trip, and that we are waiting for a response from the owner.

**UPDATE ON OTHER PROPERTIES OF INTEREST**

Ferro and Fitzpatrick reported on the results of their site visit to the Osmolenski property adjacent to Ada Township Park. They reported that there is an area at the rear of the property with conditions suitable for extension of the natural footpath system that exists in the adjacent portion of the park, and that much of the remainder of the property is wetland, similar to the wetland area in the park.

Haga reported he has not received a response to his phone messages left with Gary Vos.

Fitzpatrick mentioned there was culvert damage from the recent flooding at the Carl Creek Crossing Preserve. Ferro stated he would contact Moore & Broogink regarding having an evaluation of repairs needed.

**MEMBER AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Calvin College Video Production Project:**

Ferro reported on the status of the Calvin College video project, noting that one of the student team members is available during the summer to shoot some additional video of natural sites in summer conditions.

**Conservation Easement Trespass Issue at Carl Creek Wetland Preserve:**

Ferro reported that the County Sheriff Department has identified the party on Clements Mill Ct. responsible for the placement of the wood structure in the Carl Creek Wetland Preserve, and that it is to be removed by the responsible party.

Crosby commented that there is a need for placement of conservation easement boundary and hunting prohibition signs on the border of the preserve adjacent to the rail line.

**Proposal from North Country Trail Association:**

Fitzpatrick brought up the proposal from the North Country Trail Association to re-locate the planned route of the North Country Trail through Ada Township, including on a portion of our non-motorized trail network, and the need to respond to them regarding a proposed Memorandum of Understanding.

#### **ANNUAL REPORT TO TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The Board reviewed the draft Annual Report to the Township Board.

It was moved by Steketee, seconded by Roe, to approve the Annual Report.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15 p.m. Crosby noted the next meeting is scheduled for July 11.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Burton Township Clerk  
RS: jf