

**ADA TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2013 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Board Chair Betty Jo Crosby.

Members present: Bergman, Crosby, Damstra, Roe, Steketee

Absent: Haga, Ladd, Leblanc, VandenBerge

Staff present: Planning Director Ferro, Parks Director Fitzpatrick

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 MEETING:**

It was moved by Steketee, seconded by Bergman, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2013 meeting as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

**STATUS OF PROJECTS:**

980 Buttrick Ave SE

Ferro reported that the acquisition of the property was completed in September. He stated that the Fire Department wishes to use the building for training prior to having it demolished. Ferro stated he was waiting to hear from the Fire Chief as to how long he would like to use the building, and that demolition would be scheduled to accommodate some use by the Fire Dept.

Fitzpatrick stated the building may need some winterizing if it is kept over the winter.

The consensus of the Advisory Board was that demolition should be completed prior to winter.

Fase St. Properties

Ferro stated no activity has taken place regarding acquisition of the Fase St. properties, pending Haga's return from his vacation.

Cooper Property:

Ferro reported that he will be meeting with Coopers at the Land Conservancy offices to discuss the potential for a donated conservation easement that would be held by the Land Conservancy.

Carl Creek Crossing Preserve:

Ferro reported he has never heard back from Consumers Energy regarding the possible re-location of electric service to the irrigation system pump house. In addition, there is nothing new to report on abandonment of relocation of the irrigation system.

Master Plans for Carl Creek Wetland Preserve and Carl Creek Crossing Preserve

Members expressed a desire to get first phase projects underway for public access improvements to the two Carl Creek preserves. Fitzpatrick suggested a preserve work day for Tuesday morning, October 29. It was noted that "No Hunting" and conservation easement boundary signs need to be installed on the rail line frontage of the Carl Creek Wetland Preserve. In addition, it was noted that some additional gravel is needed on the driveway at the Carl Creek Crossing Preserve.

Potential Property Acquisition at 149 Pettis Ave NE:

Ferro stated we would follow up with the owner of this property after Haga returns.

Board members discussed other candidate properties where follow-up action is needed, including the Vanderboon property adjacent to the north boundary of Roselle Park, and the Chase Lake property.

**APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT TO CALVIN COLLEGE FOR MARKETING VIDEO PRODUCTION**

Ferro reported that the narration overdubbing to correct the Land Conservancy's name has been corrected, and the audio level has been increased as requested. He also noted that the high amount of mileage reimbursement was for travel by the student team member from Jackson to Ada during the summer. He recommended that the final payment of \$200 be made to Calvin College.

It was moved by Roe, seconded by Steketee, to approve final payment of \$200 to Calvin College.

Motion passed unanimously.

**MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Fitzpatrick reported on the Roselle Park Grand River Festival.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM. Crosby noted the next meeting is on November 14.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Burton Township Clerk  
RS: jf