

**ADA TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2012 MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Open Space Preservation Advisory Board was held on Thursday, October 11, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by ~~Vice-Chairperson Betty Jo Crosby~~ Elise Roe at the Ada Township Offices, 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada, MI.

PRESENT: Dan Bergman, Jamie Ladd, Elise Roe, Rick Steketee, Jeff VandenBerge

ABSENT: Betty Jo Crosby, Randy Damstra, George Haga, Paul Leblanc

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Ferro, Planning Director

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2012 MEETING

Ferro noted there were no minutes from September for approval, as there was not a quorum present for this meeting. Roe stated that the minutes should reflect that she stated she would contact both Calvin College and Eastern High School regarding possible assistance in producing a marketing video for the open space protection program. It was moved by Ladd, seconded by Bergman, to approve the minutes of the August 9 meeting, subject to the correction as noted by Roe. Motion passed unanimously.

STATUS OF PROJECTS

a. 4950 Knapp St. – Environmental Due Diligence, Demolition

Ferro reported that the Kent County Road Commission is advertising for bids for demolition of the home on the property, and that demolition should be completed this year.

b. Carl Creek Crossing Preserve –Irrigation System Modifications

Ferro reported on the cost estimate he obtained in a phone conversation with the condo association's irrigation contractor, for constructing a new irrigation pump equipment building on the east side of the creek, and reworking the piping for the system. The cost estimate was in the range of \$25,000, which does not include demolition of the existing pump house building. Ferro noted that the work might also require a DEQ permit.

Bergman noted that a similar pumping system was recently installed at the GVSU Allendale campus, and that he would see if he could obtain information regarding who installed this system and its cost from the Facilities office at GVSU.

c. Cooper Property

Ferro reported he is waiting to hear from Dick Cooper regarding his interest in sharing the cost of an appraisal, and whether Coopers would want to retain limited development rights in a conservation easement.

d. Property at 1780 Grand River Dr.

Ferro reported on the status of discussions with the property owner. The consensus of the Board was that the Township should continue discussions with the goal of reaching agreement on a purchase price.

MARKETING/PROMOTION

Ferro stated he has been contacted by a faculty member from Calvin College regarding the proposed student project to produce a video for the open space protection program, and is waiting for a meeting to be scheduled to discuss the proposal.

MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS

Ferro reported on the stewardship work day that is scheduled for the Carl Creek Crossing property on October 25. He also reported that the subcommittee has visited both Carl Creek preserves as part of the master planning process for both properties.

Ferro also noted that volunteers were needed to serve on a subcommittee to work with Planning Commission representatives in developing a recommendation on possible revisions to the Township's riparian protection rules. The consensus of the Board was that recruitment should be done by email, since several members were not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Burton
Township
Clerk
RS: jf

Note: Approved revisions to draft minutes identified by underscore and overstrike marks.