

Washtenaw County Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE & NATURAL AREAS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE January 26, 2021

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by chairs Shink and Lutton at 7:03 PM.

2. Attendance

ALPAC:

Steve Solowczuk, attending from Lodi Township
Megan DeLeeuw, attending from Sharon Township
Trilby Becker, attending from Ann Arbor
Hannah Rose Weber, attending from Lodi Township
Julie Caroff, attending from Ann Arbor
Sue Shink, attending from Northfield Township
ABSENT: Charlie Koenn

NATAC:

Tony Reznicek, attending from Ann Arbor
Bob Grese, attending from Ann Arbor
David Lutton, attending from Scio Township
Sylvia Taylor, attending from Augusta Township
Susan Lackey, attending from Chelsea
Kris Olsson, attending from Ann Arbor Township
Catherine Riseng, attending from Ann Arbor

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Special Order of Business:

Staff reviewed the most recent financial spreadsheet for both committees, which outlines the active projects. As a reminder, December 2020 was the last year for the current millage. Those funds are collected in early 2021. The spreadsheet includes the estimated revenue, but the actual collection may be higher. The renewed millage will begin collection in December 2021. The renewal included a renew and restore, so additional revenue will be collected in 2022. The spreadsheet also includes additional acquisition costs including due diligence (estimated) and contributions to the special revenue fund.

Staff also presented some of the larger active projects currently in process, and some of the projects both ALPAC and NATAC are contributing funds toward. The committees expressed an interest supporting goals together and exploring avenues to celebrate joint successes.

The committees discussed outreach strategies to landowners and expressed their interest in being proactive. There may be opportunities to collaborate with other organizations on outreach such as the Townships, the Conservation District and local conservancies. Committee members asked to review landowner lists before mailing is sent to review for their local knowledge of the communities.

Staff updated both committees on discussions regarding building envelopes at the Commission level. The commission has requested a subgroup with representatives from both NATAC and ALPAC. It was agreed the chairs and vice chairs of both committees will serve on the subgroup. Staff will work to schedule a follow up meeting.

5. Adjournment

It was moved by Lackey, seconded by Becker to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM.