

MINUTES  
AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
April 23, 2019  
7:00 pm  
WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
2230 PLATT ROAD  
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sue Shink, Chair  
Charlie Koenn, Vice Chair  
Trilby Becker  
Julie Caroff  
Megan DeLeeuw  
Steve Solowczuk  
Hannah Weber

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rosie Pahl Donaldson, WCPARC staff  
Ginny Trocchio, WCPARC staff

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**  
None.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Vice Chair Koenn called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** *It was moved by Solowczuk, seconded by Caroff, to “approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting.”*

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** *It was moved by Solowczuk, seconded by Weber to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**REPORT OF CHAIR:** Chair Shink reported that she had recently attended a presentation about DNR grants and walked an easement property.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**UPDATE ON STATE GRANT OPPORTUNITY:**

Ms. Trocchio provided a quick update on grant possibility moving forward later this year through the State MI Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. The State had funding in the 1990’s and early 2000’s. The County received matching funds for an easement on one

farm. Since that time, there has not been funding for the program. Staff will keep the Committee up to date as the details are determined with the state.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LAMBARTH RECOMMENDATION**

Ms. Trocchio provided an overview of the Lambarth property, a conservation easement purchase in Lodi Township. The Greenbelt was approached for initial interest prior to commissioning an appraisal to be completed. An appraisal was completed in late March 2019. Staff will also approach Lodi Township for a nominal contribution. In the past, they have contributed \$1,000 toward some easement purchases. The Committee reviewed their budget.

Greenbelt	\$228,500 (50%)
<b>WCPARC</b>	<b>\$228,500 (50%)</b>
FMV	\$457,000 (\$3,200/acre)

*It was moved by Solowczuk, seconded by Weber to recommend approval of a sales contract and contribution of \$228,500 toward the purchase of a conservation easement on the Lambarth property. Motion carried unanimously.*

**PARKS COMMISSION PROPERTY REVIEW**

Ms. Trocchio provided an overview of the Working Session held with the Parks Commission on March 14, 2019. The criteria that the Parks Commission prioritized was reviewed and discussed by ALPAC members.

**EASEMENT SIGN DESIGN**

Ms. Pahl Donaldson discussed the idea of designing signs for our private lands protected through conservation easements. The Committee was supportive of exploring options. Most WCPARC easement deeds reserve the right for the County to place this type of sign, though the Committee emphasized the placing of a sign should be discussed with the landowner. Staff will bring options back to the Committee at a future meeting and discuss with partners the potential for uniform look across the County.

**ADJOURN:** *With no further business, it was moved by Solowczuk, seconded by Becker "to adjourn the meeting" at 8:10 PM. Motion carried unanimously.*