

# City of Ann Arbor

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## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 3, 2020

4:30 PM

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**Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Fike called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.*

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Jennifer Fike, Robert Gordon, Julie Grand, Rosanne Bloomer, Elizabeth Riggs, and Jason Boggs

**Absent:** 2 - Sheila Schueller, and Eric Ellis

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bloomer, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

**A APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A-1**      [20-1334](#)      Greenbelt Advisory Commission Minutes of December 5, 2019, February 6, 2020, June 4, 2020, and August 6, 2020

**A motion was made by Council Rep. Grand, seconded by Commissioner Boggs, that the Minutes be approved as amended by the Commission as follows and forwarded to the City Council.**

**June 4, 2020 Greenbelt Advisory Commission Minutes: Item C-9**

**[The w]While the CITY contributed funding to the project, Scio Township is the primary holder of he easement.**

**On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

**Note: [ ] Brackets indicate deleted language, all CAPS indicate new language.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

**4 SPEAKERS MAXIMUM - 5 MINUTES SPEAKING TIME. Sign up must take place prior to the meeting by notifying the chair or city staff. This section of public commentary is limited to items related to the agenda.**

*None.*

**B OLD BUSINESS**

*Chair Fike has drafted a letter of Support for the Washtenaw County Natural Area Preservation Program Mileage that will appear on the November 3rd ballot.*

**C NEW BUSINESS**

**C-1 FY20 Regional Conservation Partnership Program Proposal Overview and Recommendation**

*Mr. Long provided an update on the FY20 Regional Conservation Partnership Program. Since 2005 the City has been awarded \$15M in Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Agricultural Land Easement grant funding (ACEP - ALE). Mr. Long also discussed the City's usage of Regional Conservation Partnership Programs and the City's prior success.*

*Mr. Long recommended to the Commission an expanded Regional Conservation Partnership Program that is partner-driven with an effort to first focus on land protection through entity-held easements with a hopes of obtaining 2,500+ acres of easements. Followed by a focus on improved water quality outcomes, through the use of partner-driven programs to address water quality. In order to ensure improved water quality step three would focus on innovative outcome reporting, utilizing nonpoint source pollution reporting programs in partnership with the Michigan State University Institute of Water Research and the Great Lakes Watershed Management System.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer, to recommend City Council approve an application to the USDA FY 2020 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), in Partnership with Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission, Ann Arbor Township, Scio Township, Webster Township, and others, to secure funding to complete RCPP-funded purchases of development rights (PDR) conservation easements and committing up to \$3,000,000.00 of Open Space & Parkland Preservation Millage funding as match from June 2021-June 2026. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

**D NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

*None presented.*

**CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION**

*None.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

**5 MINUTES MAXIMUM SPEAKING TIME - NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF  
PEOPLE SPEAKING IN THIS SECTION.**

*None.*

**E REPORT FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES**

**E-1 Executive Committee Report**

*Chair Fike reported that she meet with Mr. Long to discuss the Regional  
Conservation Partnership Program application details.*

**E-2 Communications Committee**

*Nothing to report.*

**E-3 Scoring Committee**

*Nothing to report.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bloomer, seconded by  
Commissioner Gordon, that the meeting be adjourn. On a voice  
vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting  
adjourned at 5:11 p.m.**

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