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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 6, 2020

4:30 PM

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Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fike called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Jennifer Fike, Robert Gordon, Julie Grand, Sheila Schueller, Rosanne Bloomer, Elizabeth Riggs, and Jason Boggs

Absent: 1 - Eric Ellis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Schueller, 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

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

C NEW BUSINESS

C-1 New GAC Member Introductions

Commissioners Riggs and Boggs introduced themselves to their fellow Commissioners.

C-2 FY20 ACEP-ALE Grant Awards/Recommendations

Mr. Long provided an update on NRCS funding. The Greenbelt was awarded two grants to purchase 475 acres totaling \$2,219,300. This funding represents the Greenbelt receiving 56% of the available funding from the federal government.

A motion was made by Chair Fike, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, to recommend the City accept a \$470,000.00 ACEP Grant and Approve an ACEP Parcel Contract for a Conservation Easement on Property in Salem Township Identified in Application 2018-18. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

FY20 ACEP-ALE Grant Awards/Recommendations

A motion was made by Chair Fike, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, to recommend the City accept a \$1,749,300.00 ACEP Grant and Approve an ACEP Parcel Contract for a Conservation Easement on Property in Salem Township Identified in Application 2018-18. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

C-3 GAC Letter of Support/Superior Township MNRTF Grant Application

Mr. Long state the Greenbelt was approached by Superior Township for a letter of support for a MNRTF grant. Superior Township is requesting \$587,5000 in funding from Greenbelt totaling 25% of the funding needed to acquire the 565 acres. The contribution from the Greenbelt could be lowered if the County NAPP milage is renewed in November.

A motion was made by Chair Fike, seconded by Commissioner Riggs, to recommend the City commit a not-to-exceed amount of \$587,500.00 toward the portfolio of acquisitions submitted in Superior Township's Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application or any other MNRTF-approved replacement and/or additional acquisition, subject to necessary approvals and satisfactory appraisals and due diligence review for each property. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

C-4 FY 20 Regional Conservation Partnership Program Update

Mr. Long provided an update on the FY20 Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

C-5 Annual Easement Monitoring Update

Mr. Long provided an update on the Annual Easement Monitoring. A letter was sent to all of the Greenbelt landowners to notify them that monitoring would be conducted contactless this year. The landowners will provide a land use form and then Mr. Long will notify the owners when he will be out to walk the property.

D NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer, that the Commission enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. On a roll vote, the vote was as follows, the Chair declared the motion carried and the Commission entered into Closed Session a 5:30 p.m.

Yeas: 7 - Fike, Gordon, Grand, Schueller, Bloomer, Riggs, and Boggs

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Ellis

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 5:51 p.m.

Application ID-2019-07-02

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Boggs, to recommend City participation with Scio Township in the acquisition of a conservation easement on the property identified in Application ID 2019-07-02 and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$268,400 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Application ID-2019-07-01

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Riggs, to recommend City participation with Scio Township in the acquisition of a conservation easement on the property identified in Application ID 2019-07-01 and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$230,809 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

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

None.

E-2 Communications Committee

None.

E-3 Scoring Committee

None.

ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Commissioner Boggs, seconded by
Commissioner Schueller, that the meeting be adjourn. On a voice
vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting
adjourned at 5:58 p.m.**

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