

MINUTES OF MEETING

NATURAL AREAS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: February 1, 2021
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: Via Zoom

Roll Call Attendance:

Sylvia Taylor, present attending from Willis, MI
Bob Grese, present attending from Ann Arbor, MI
Dave Lutton, present attending from Scio Township, MI
Catherine Riseng, present attending from Ann Arbor, MI
Kris Olsson, present attending from Ann Arbor Township, MI
Tony Reznicek, present attending from Ann Arbor, MI
Sue Lackey, present attending from Chelsea, MI

NATAC Members Absent: None.

Staff Present:

Ginny Trocchio, Superintendent of Park Planning and Natural Areas
Rosie Pahl Donaldson, Park Planner

Others Present:

Barry Lonik

Call to Order:

Chair Lutton called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

Consideration of Minutes of December 7, 2020:

It was moved by Grese and seconded by Olsson that the minutes of the December 7, 2020 meeting be approved. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

Public Comment:

Mr. Lonik asked the committee to consider installment payments or borrow internally to stretch dollars over the next couple of years as demand is high.

Progress Report /Recommendation on properties in consideration – Rounds 1-20

As general updates Ms. Pahl Donaldson provided an updated financial spreadsheet, which includes active projects. The Scully project is still moving forward and hope to close in early 2021. Also, the Highland Cemetery, Landau and Kidder properties should close in early 2021.

Moyad Update – 19.310 (various acres, Bridgewater Township)

The property was a tier 1 for Round19 projects. The landowner is only willing to sell the entire parcel, which would require taking down the buildings on the site. As a follow up to the December meeting, staff discussed the property with some local residents to provide some background on the historic significance of the house. After discussion, Dave Lutton agreed to reach out to the realtor for the property to see he could discuss purchasing the parcel without the house.

Ms. Pahl Donaldson provided an overview again of Round 20 Tier 1 properties that appraisals were recently received including the Bonner, Northfield Hills, Gotfredson, Ranieszski and Rouse nominations. The financial overview shows the outcome if move forward on all of these transactions, and the Moyad property. This would encumber the NATAC funds for the next 2 years.

After discussion, the committee decided to move forward and recommend to the commission on those 2 properties adjacent to existing preserves at this time. The committee will revisit the others once staff hears back from Bonner and Moyad and reassess the financial situation.

Moved by Riseng, seconded by Grese to recommend to Parks Commission to move forward with a sales contract on the Northfield Hills property in Northfield Township. All ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Lackey, seconded by Reznicek to recommend to the Parks Commission to move forward with a sales contract on the Rouse property in Scio Township. All ayes, motion carried.

Other items from members

None.

Moved by Olsson, seconded by Grese to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.