

**Williams Township Land Preservation Board  
Minutes, January 22, 2019 Meeting**

Present: Bob Schmidt, Ron Hinehline, Rick Reppert, Jim Williams, Linda Heindel  
Supervisors: Ray Abert, Mark Ernst

Chairman Schmidt opened the business meeting at 7:00 pm. He led the group in the salute to the flag. The December 18, 2018, minutes were amended to exclude the notes on Reorganization (moved to amend Reppert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Williams) approved 5-0. The amended minutes were approved (moved Reppert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Williams) 5-0.

Election of Officers for 2019 – Hinehline moved (2<sup>nd</sup> Williams) that the current slate of officers be re-elected for 2019; the motion was approved 5-0. Thus Chairman – Bob Schmidt, Vice Chairman – Ron Hinehline, Secretary – Linda Heindel.

Updates on Preservation Projects/Applications/Shows of interest

Nehoda and Walter projects were presented to the Board of Supervisors by Laura Baird and Hinehline on January 7. They reviewed the qualifications of the properties, the scores each achieved, and the amount of money per acre that were requested. Hinehline reported that BOS approved one-half of the total per acre amount (T = \$6,000, ½ = \$3,000). Hinehline noted that Bryan Cope had walked both properties with LPB and believes the County will support the remaining one-half of the \$6,000. BOS voted to approve the \$3,000 per acre for each project. Both Newberry (Nehoda) and Russell agreed to the \$6,000/A. terms.

Hinehline pointed to a letter from Baird that listed her fee to write the application for each project not to exceed \$1500. Because the deadline for presentation of the projects to the County is March 15, LPB was informed by Supervisor Ernst that they could request the two fees tonight for the Supervisors to act upon tomorrow, then to be placed for ratification on the BOS Agenda on March 13. Schmidt agreed to make that notification tomorrow and to provide a copy of Baird's letter for them. This permits Baird to begin work on the application as soon as she is able.

Melchor – an attempt was made to clarify a statement by Atty. Reiss at BOS meeting summarizing the two ways a preserved property such as the proposed Melchor project: either advertised for bid or advertised for public auction. Other options to explore: talk to the Miklas Realty, real estate agent used by Moore Twp. to see what information they had in preparing to sell their two farms; see if Rick Harris, now somewhere in Berks County, can be located; talk with several townships in Bucks County.

Old Business

None

New Business.

Treasurer's report shows \$1,963,703.50. LPB was urged to review how much money will be needed in the near future for the Nehoda and Walters projects to be sure there was enough liquid cash to cover them. Some maturing CD's may be invested rather than reinvested.

No Announcements

Audience Comments – an attendee inquired about qualifications for preserving his 11-A.property. He was referred to the LPB website on the Township website and to Heritage Conservancy website. Members also offered their help as well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm on motion (moved Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reppert) 5-0.

Submitted,  
Linda Heindel, Secretary

**Next meeting: Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**