

# Williams Township Land Preservation Board

## Minutes, January 28, 2020 Meeting

Present: Ron Hineline, Rick Reppert, Jim Williams, Polly Clark, Linda Heindel  
Supervisor: Mark Ernst

Hineline opened the meeting at 7:04 pm with the salute to the flag.

Minutes of the December 17, 2019, meeting were approved 4-0 on motion (moved, Reppert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Williams).

### Project Updates

Nehoda – Hineline reported no response from Debbie Newberry. He will check with Baird at our February 4 meeting.

Russell – the survey is completed, and County and Township are supportive of the project. LPB members and Baird plan to meet with Russell on February 4 to review the survey contents, easement language, access issues, project timeline, and remaining steps.

Wharen – Hineline consulted with Sherry Acevedo about this fee-simple possibility (property is along the canal and adjacent to DCNR-owned property). No action at this point.

Boss – a bid for appraisal has been received from Indian Valley for \$2400. Laudone has failed to respond, so Williams has contacted Frederick Lesavoy of The Frederick Group and will ask that group to send their bid to him.

O'Brien – LPB team conducted a site walk and scored the property at 135. O'Brien noted there is a red wolf (protected species) on the property now. She also said Edge of the Woods nursery is coming to advise on the bog areas. A conversation about hunting ensued, and LPB will try to determine the origin of the claim that preserved property must require hunting.

Prospective preservers will be sent a packet of information by Heindel.

### Old Business

Treasurer's Report – Hineline reported a total of \$2,259,411.32 in the Open Space account.

Ernst said that Heritage Conservancy has completed the monitoring of preserved properties and has sent a report to the Supervisors. Heindel asked if landowners will be given a report, much as Wildlands Conservancy does for its landowners. Heritage will be asked if this is possible.

Ernst asked when should next EIT referendum be conducted. Hineline is to send email query to Asst. Mgr. Ernst.

Announcements – none

Audience comments – Supervisor Ernst reported a consensus of Supervisors Board and audience present that all township board members should be residents of the township.

O'Brien and Ernst expressed thanks for the work of LPB. O'Brien suggested that LPB try to speak with disgruntled township residents who are not fully informed of land preservation in the township.

Meeting was adjourned on motion (moved Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reppert) at 7:48 pm.

Submitted,  
Linda Heindel, Secretary

Next Meeting: February 26, 2020, 7 pm