

**Williams Township Land Preservation Board
Minutes, March 26, 2019 Meeting**

Present: Ron Hine, Jim Williams, Rick Reppert, Bob Schmidt, Polly Clark
Supervisors: Mark Ernst, Ray Abert, and Mike Bryant
Township Assistant Manager Melody Ernst

Chairman Schmidt opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. He led the group in the salute to the flag.
The February 26, 2019, minutes were approved.

Updates on Preservation Projects/ Applications/ Shows of Interest

Nehoda and Walter projects - Laura Baird, Heritage Conservancy, is working on the applications to the County. The deadline is March 15, but there is nothing going on at the county level currently. The state budget has not been approved either. The county has not published guidelines yet. It will probably be at least June before we hear anything from them. Ron has told both applicants that.

Because there are no guidelines yet, there are no new applicants yet.

Ron spoke to Harold Melchor, who is back from Florida now. He's not in a rush, so it's not a problem. He wants the Land Preservation Board to wait awhile before looking at his property and inside buildings. Bob is waiting for the price quote on the appraisal rate from Indian Valley for the Melchor property. He explained that Snyder does detailed appraisals, but is much more expensive than Indian Valley, \$3500.00 vs. \$2400.00.

Old Business:

Open Space Fund Investments: Three 6-month CDs were rolled over to new 6-month CDs @ 2.567% interest, which will mature September, 2019.

\$200,000.00 savings went into 6-month CDs also. They will earn about an extra \$5000.00/yr. interest. The 4 CDs totaling \$850,000.00 will mature June, 2019, and will earn approximately \$25,000.00. We will have to look at the interest rates before we roll them over again.

There was a lengthy discussion about whether Williams Township should sign on for the Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic Partnership, because Laura Baird can do a workshop for us for free because of grants she can get. We'll know by next Wednesday if she can schedule a meeting with us. The state actually owns most of the land next to the river and the canal. MS4, dealing with water and drainage runoff into the Lehigh and Delaware rivers, would apply in this case. Our township engineer got us out of it due to the state land, so we do not have to pay all those millions of dollars in cost. Bob Schmidt will try to attend the meeting this Thursday, 03/28/19, to check it out. It's held at the Bridgeton Twsp. Building in Bucks County.

Bob also mentioned that the Historical Society will be having a car tour of Williams Township on 04/27/19.

There were no announcements or comments from the audience. There was a motion to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Submitted,
Polly Clark for Linda Heindel

Next meeting: April 23, 7:00 pm