

**Williams Township Land Preservation Board
Minutes, May 28, 2019 Meeting**

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

Chairman Schmidt opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. He led the group in the salute to the flag.
The April 23, 2019, minutes, (moved HineLine, 2nd Williams) were approved without comment, 5-0.

Updates on Preservation Projects/ Applications/ Shows of Interest

Nehoda and Walter projects – The Nehoda County application has been completed. Laura Baird is working on the Russell application. She will include the soft costs in the cover letter.

Melchor project – no further movement.

Old Business

Plans for Baird's Open Space Workshop in September were discussed. Baird's speaking costs will be covered by her grant; LPB will cover postage and press releases. Schmidt will check with her to see if September 24, our regular LPB meeting date, will fit her schedule.

Planning for outreach focused on updating the mailing letter and speaking to selected landowners; each LPB member may choose three names from the list (to be circulated) and plan to contact them before the June meeting.

Schmidt will augment Baird's workshop announcement with a few words about LPB's work in the bulk-mail letter to landowners..

The April Treasurer's report shows \$1,971,610.51 in the Open Space Fund. HineLine reviewed the checking and savings accounts and the new CD investments. After assessing the upcoming potential costs for the two projects, HineLine moved (Williams seconded) to make the following changes: From the \$850K CD's due in June, withhold \$250K and move it to Savings, roll the remaining \$600K into new CD's for up to one year: motion was approved 5-0.

Schmidt recommended making some changes in the current scoring system, noting that 50 points for two criteria regarding proximity to other preserved properties placed excessive weight on one criterion. Other portions of the scoring sheet were discussed. Schmidt will circulate his suggestions for changes; remaining LPB members may add theirs for an e-discussion.

Announcements

None

Audience Comments

None

Motion to adjourn (Reppert, 2nd Williams) passed at 7:38 pm.

Submitted

Linda Heindel, Secretary

Next meeting: June 25, 2019, 7:00 pm