

**Williams Township Land Preservation Board
Minutes, June 25, 2019 Meeting**

Present: Bob Schmidt, Ron Hinehline, Rick Reppert, Linda Heindel, Polly Clark
Supervisors: Ray Abert, Mike Bryant

Chairman Schmidt opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. He led the group in the salute to the flag.
The May 28, 2019 minutes (moved Reppert 2nd Hinehline) were approved without comment, 4-0.

Updates on Preservation Projects/ Applications/ Shows of Interest

Nehoda and Walter projects – The Nehoda County application was presented to the County Advisory Committee (no scoring involved) and was unanimously approved. The application goes next to the Council Subcommittee on Open Space, then to full Council for approval and funding. Laura Baird is working on the Russell application.

Next step for Nehoda is to obtain bids for survey. Heindel will contact Keystone. Schmidt will contact Dennis Litzenberger with back-up to Mazer (Schmidt to check with Atty.Reiss via Sabatine about any potential for conflict of interest).

The Russell application will be presented to the County Open Space Advisory Committee in August. In future presentations of applications, only paper documents will be used; no formal powerpt presentations such as Baird has done for us in the past.

Melchor project – no further movement.

Old Business

1. Plans for Baird's Open Space Workshop in September: Laura's letter not yet done. When Schmidt receives it, he will add wording needed for local reference, circulate it to LPB members, and arrange to move forward with sending it to the revised list of landowners. Baird's speaking costs will be covered by her grant; LPB will cover postage and press releases. Schmidt will check with her to assure that September 24, our regular LPB meeting date, will fit her schedule.

2. Project to speak to selected landowners: each LPB member reported on his or her contacts thus far. Schmidt showed information he extracted from Heritage Conservancy that may augment info on the LPB website, to provide info to prospective landowners as visits are made. Heindel will set up a consultation time for Schmidt and herself to talk with the Bandi family.

New Business

1. The April Treasurer's report shows \$1,972,143,78 as of 5.31.2019 in the Open Space Fund. Hinehline reviewed the checking and savings accounts and the new CD investments.

2. LPB reviewed the application to the ASA by James and Barbara Hulett, 2583 Martins Lane, Hellertown (Lower Saucon Twp.), to the Williams Township ASA, per recommendation of Atty. Reiss. Schmidt noted that the soil type of the tract is very good and will actually assist the township average within the ASA. Motion (Reppert, 2nd Hinehline) to recommend to include the Hulett tract in the Williams Township Agricultural Security Area passed 4-0.

3. No movement on revision of LPB's current scoring system.

Announcements

None

Audience Comments

None

Motion to adjourn (Reppert, 2nd Hinehline) passed at 7:55 pm.

Submitted

Linda Heindel, Secretary

Next meeting: July 23, 2019, 7:00 pm