

**Williams Township Land Preservation Board
Minutes, September 24, 2019 Meeting**

Present: Bob Schmidt, Ron Hine, Rick Reppert, Linda Heindel, Polly Clark
Supervisors: Mark Ernst, Ray Abert
Speaker: Laura Baird

Chairman Schmidt opened the public meeting at 7:00 pm. He led the group in the salute to the flag.

He introduced Laura Baird, Heritage Conservancy Senior Land Conservationist. Baird gave a very informative presentation on the total process of preserving one's property – purposes, steps, costs. She answered audience's questions.

Following the public presentation, Schmidt opened the business meeting at 7:40 pm. The August 27, 2019 minutes (moved Hine 2nd Reppert) were approved without comment, 4-0.

Updates on Preservation Projects/ Applications/ Shows of Interest

Nehoda: -- Survey is underway, should be completed within the week.

Russell project: Schmidt received bids from Keystone Consulting not to exceed \$6800 and from McTish Kunkle & Associates (MKA) @ \$15,000.

Motion to accept the bid of Keystone @ \$6800 (moved Reppert, 2nd Hine) was approved 4-0.

Wharen -- site visit and walk were held on Sept.4 @ 11 am. Schmidt, Hine, and Reppert walked the two parts of the property, which was once farmland but is now overgrown. Because of its complex layout (part lies next to the Delaware Canal, part north of Terry's Tavern), Baird and Sherry Acevedo will be asked to join a second site review. One question lies with whether the canal can be considered a "stream."

New Business

Treasurer's Report noted that the 4 CD's were rolled over for another 6 months.

Announcements

None

Audience Comments

None

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

Submitted,
Linda Heindel

Next meeting: October 22, 2019, 7:00 pm
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