

Williams Township Land Preservation Board Minutes, October 22, 2019 Meeting

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

Chairman Schmidt opened the meeting at 7:01 pm. He led the group in the salute to the flag.
The September 24, 2019 minutes (moved Reppert, 2nd Hinehline) were approved without comment, 4-0.

Updates on Preservation Projects/ Applications/ Shows of Interest

Nehoda: -- In speaking with Debbie Nehoda Newberry, Hinehline learned of some new provisions she would like to pursue: cut out a 3-A. tract for nephews, which could cause need for expensive subdivision; need to start over with a "new property" in that new appraisal and new survey would be needed (at owner's expense); possible loss of County's monetary support; amount of paid acreage would be reduced; fear that other Nehoda tract now owned by that brother's child, who lives in Florida, would be developed and allow people to walk over her tract. One LPB member felt that most of these points had been covered from the beginning of negotiations. After much discussion, it was decided that Schmidt will consult with Laura Baird and ask her to review the consequences with Nehoda-Newberry.

Russell – the two bids for survey were reviewed: Keystone -- \$6850
MKA -- \$15,000

At October Supervisors meeting MKA raised the question as to whether both bidders were given the same RFP requirements. Schmidt had compared the two proposals and determined that they offered the same scope of service. Sherry Acevedo had earlier determined that an earlier survey of the property was too old; thus DCNR would allow no waiver of new survey. Ernst suggested that Schmidt ask the Supervisors to request Atty. Reiss to comprise an RFP form to be used each time a firm is asked to bid on a survey or appraisal. Schmidt should explain at the meeting how the two bids were congruent.

Wharen – Baird, Acevedo will be joined by Possinger (DCNR) to review the property on the new site walk on October 23. LPB will report on the observations from that walk.

New Application – Robert and Darlene Boss, 620 Berger Rd. -- N9 6 4, 15.47A., house, 2 sheds

Old Business

Report on Public Meeting in September – Hinehline reported 141 letters sent out. Applications distributed to O'Brien & Smith, Boss, Vail, Derrington, Oleksa, Doerr, Seifert, Henderson -- good candidates for follow-up.
Treasurer's Report -- \$2,263,374.87. 6-month CD's were rolled over @ 1.92%.. 1-yr. CD's earning at 2.6%.
Hinehline noted that there are sufficient funds in checking and savings to cover completion of Nehoda and Russell projects; no need to cash in any CD's.

Monitoring preserved properties came up at Supervisors meeting. They have one bid thus far. Abert was asked to ask Sabatine to share the bid with LPB members. Any of the three conservancies would be satisfactory as monitoring agencies.

A township citizen questioned why logging seems to be permitted on the preserved former Horth property. Ernst reported that Atty. Reiss had reviewed the requirement for a forestry plan and concluded the requirement had been met.

Announcements – none

Motion to adjourn (Heindel, 2nd Williams). Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted,
Linda Heindel, Secy

Next meeting: November 26, 2019, 7:00 pm