

## Williams Township Land Preservation Board Minutes, November 26, 2019 Meeting

Present: Bob Schmidt, Ron Hinehline, Rick Reppert, Jim Williams, Linda Heindel. Polly Clark  
Supervisor: Ray Abert

Chairman Schmidt opened the meeting at 7:02 pm. He led the group in the salute to the flag.  
The October 22, 2019 minutes (moved Hinehline, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reppert) were approved without comment, 6-0.

Note that December 17 is the final meeting of the year.

### Updates

Nehoda – Laura Baird has been asked to counsel Newberry regarding some problematic changes she has been considering in the preservation of the farm. Checking on timing involved, Schmidt said that the County grant is good until end of year 2021. He noted that the surveyor has not yet been paid. LPB will await the result of Baird's discussion with Newberry.

Russell – The Board of Supervisors approved Keystone for the survey. Schmidt will remind Sabatine that the signed proposal should be sent to Keystone to move the project forward.

Wharen – LPB members did the second site visit with Laura Baird, Lorn Possinger, and Sherri Acevedo. Schmidt observed that the County is interested in buying a portion of the property and will seek a proposal for that fee simple purchase. Baird is exploring a grant to pay for the appraisal. LPB awaits the outcome of these explorations and the consultations with the owner.

Boss – Schmidt, Hinehline, and Heindel conducted a site walk on November 15. The 15-A tract scored 167 with notable wetland (on the National Wetlands Inventory Map,) a PNDI site, contiguity with Township property. Owner Howard Boss, after review of the kinds of access that might be permitted on the tract, seemed agreeable to this kind of access: Schmidt will confirm his thinking on this.

Next step is to obtain appraisal proposals, being sure that the requests are identical in format. While Baird works on a standard RFP format for appraisals and surveys, Schmidt provided to Williams (for Laudone Associates) and Reppert (for Indian Valley) information that thus far we know is important in making requests of providers. Schmidt will circulate these points to all LPB members.

Treasurer's Report – Hinehline distributed the township's report as of October 31, 2019. It shows a total of \$2,268,753.64 from all sources in the Open Space account.

Monitoring preserved tracts – The BOS appointed Heritage Conservancy at a not-to-exceed amount of \$4,050/yr. for a 3-year total of \$12,250.

Schmidt commented that LPB should appoint a lead contact person for each project – e.g., Hinehline has been lead contact for Nehoda and Melchor; Schmidt for Russell. Williams volunteered to be lead contact for Boss.

There being no Audience comments, Schmidt called for a motion to adjourn (moved Reppert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Williams), passed 6-0.

Submitted,  
Linda Heindel, Secretary