

# Williams Township Land Preservation Board Minutes, February 23, 2021 Virtual Meeting

Present: Jim Williams, Bob Schmidt, Ron Hinehline, Linda Heindel  
Supervisors: Mark Ernst, Ray Abert, Mike Bryant  
Township Managers: Mikal Sabatine, Melody Ernst  
Heritage Conservancy consultant Laura Baird

Chairman Williams opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. He called for a review of the January 26, 2021 minutes. Motion (moved Hinehline, 2<sup>nd</sup> Schmidt) to approve the minutes passed 4-0.

Williams called for Public Comment: Recognition of Bob Schmidt for 10 years of leadership as chairman of LPB.

## Updates

Russell – The BOS had approved the AOS and will sign it. Baird reported that Atty. Reiss has ordered a title report and has noticed one small issue: there are two separate driveway easements in addition to the Russells' own, which all the others use as well. The two additional driveways may need to be extinguished, esp. since one passes through the standard protection area of the easement. Neither Baird nor Reiss expect any problem with this action.

Boss – Heritage Conservancy has been approved by BOS to write the County grant application. Boss will be required to obtain a forestry stewardship plan for inclusion in the easement. Site visit to be rescheduled, probably in March. Baird to effect the scheduling.

O'Brien -- Site visit also to be rescheduled. Since the plan to graze goats on the property has ben dropped, there should be no need for a resource stewardship plan (which would have been for the easement). Indian Valley completed the appraisal for an easement value of \$8,000/A.

Old Business – none

## New Business

Treasurer's Report – Hinehline circulated the December report. Total \$2,014,941.47. 3 CD's to mature in March. In reviewing the amount of money that may be needed this year, Hinehline and Schmidt listed Russell project ca. \$183K, Boss ca \$140K.

CD's to mature in March. Expenses attributable to Open Space fund are listed in the BOS's Treasurer's Report; Hinehline will ascertain these for future reports.

Williams suggested that Board members review all the public information that interested parties may want to consult – the website with its various textual parts, the question of how accessible this information is to an interested party, how new members are recruited. He will ask individual members to take on individual portions so that not all falls on one pair of shoulders.

Announcements – none

Audience Comments – none

Adjournment – motion to adjourn (moved Heindel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Schmidt) passed 4-0. At 7 31 pm.

Submitted,  
Linda Heindel, Secretary

Next Meeting (virtual): March 23, 2021, 7 pm