

Williams Township Land Preservation Board

Minutes, March 23, 2021 Virtual Meeting

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

Vice Chairman Schmidt opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. He called for a review of the February 23, 2021 minutes. Motion (moved Hinehline, 2nd Schmidt) to approve the minutes passed 3-0.

Updates

Russell – Baird reported that Atty. Reiss, upon examining the driveway issue in the title report, declared that a new legal description of the current driveway needs to be drawn up (cost about \$1000, Russell to pay). Thereupon the property will go to settlement at the end of April.

Boss – scheduling the site visit with County rep Acevedo for April 8. 2-4 pm, was workable for the Bosses, but there has been no response from O'Brien. LPB will keep the appointment with Boss. Boss has an AOS but has questions about the levels of protection in the easement and about the corners for surveyors' markers. Bos has cancelled the logging contract with Regan.

Old Business – Schmidt reviewed some of the suggestions to improve the LPB website information, esp. its accessibility to the newcomer to the township website. Suggestions include having an LPB tab on the home page and an easy way to get to meeting information. Remove the word "Board" from references to information about the preservation process. Include a history of the program, some statistics, no. of acres preserved, amt. of money from non-township sources (state, County).

Include in the opening COVID box how to get to meeting information.

LPB members agreed to serve as a committee of the whole to update and simplify the information till April meeting.

New Business

Treasurer's Report – Hinehline circulated the February 2021 Treasurer's report. Total \$2,013,400.47. 3 CD's that matured in March were placed in the Savings account due to very low CD interest.

Expenses attributable to Open Space fund as listed in the BOS's Treasurer's Report include \$1,008.50 in legal fees, \$680 in Heritage Conservancy fees. Hinehline will gather these for future reports.

Announcements – Township Manager Sabatine noted that pending current plans at the Governor's level, public meetings may be allowed to open by June.

Audience Comments – none

Adjournment – motion to adjourn (moved Schmidt, 2nd Hinehline) passed 3-0. at 7 37 pm.

Submitted,
Linda Heindel, Secretary

Next Meeting (virtual): April 27, 2021, 7 pm
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