

Williams Township Land Preservation Board Minutes, April 27, 2021 Virtual Meeting

Present: Bob Schmidt, Ron Hine, Linda Heindel
Supervisor: Mark Ernst
Township Managers: Mikal Sabatine, Melody Ernst
Heritage Conservancy consultant Laura Baird

Vice Chairman Schmidt opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. He called for a review of the March 23, 2021 minutes. Motion (moved Hine, 2nd Schmidt) to approve the minutes, passed 3-0.

Updates

Russell – Closing for the Russell project is scheduled for May 10.

Boss – is reviewing the AOS and has asked his attorney to do the same. After the reviews Heritage Conservancy will start the application. He is committed. Sheri Acevedo from County office liked both this and the O'Brien properties and feels they will make strong applications. She understood the reasons for the waiver of public access to the Boss property (deep ponds, mining holes, a potential endangered species).

O'Brien – next step for this project is for LPB to ask the BOS for the money to write the AOS, pay the Heritage Conservancy stewardship fee, Heritage to be the holder of the easement of the 18.7 A. tract, and the township to pay the full \$149,600 easement fee, with the understanding that County will be asked to cover half.
Motion (moved Schmidt, 2nd Hine) to ask the BOS to cover the writing of the AOS, the Heritage stewardship fee and hold title to the easement. Township will pay \$149,600 with County being asked to cover half (\$74,800). Passed 3-0.

Old Business – general discussion of various emendations to the LPB website with the objective of making access to LPB information much easier. In fine, LPB members will make a concise list of changes and meet with Sabatine and Katie Faubert to work through them while reviewing them on a computer. Most important step is ability to move from the general Twp. website directly to the LPB information. Sabatine will circulate some dates for the possible meeting. The final revisions will be presented to the BOS for approval.

Treasurer's report -- March 2021 report showed a total of \$2,011,056.79. The Township Open Space fund shows attorney fee of \$759 and Heritage Conservancy fee of \$560 for April 2021.

New Business -- Ronald Reichard, citing press of business, sent his resignation to the BOS.

Supervisor Ernst noted that BOS will accept the resignation at their May meeting. Position can be listed among twp. board openings in June.

Ernst also recommended that LPB should be sure to request that BOS acknowledge at the May meeting that, moving forward, Heritage Conservancy will be the holder of township open space easements unless otherwise directed.

Meeting adjourned (moved Hine, Schmidt 2nd) at 7:40 pm.

Submitted,
Linda Heindel, Secretary

Next Meeting (virtual): May 25, 2021, 7 pm
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