

Williams Township Land Preservation Board

Minutes, October 26, 2021 Meeting

At the Williams Township Community Building, 655 Cider Press Rd., Easton, PA 18042

Present: Jim Williams, Ronald Hine, Bob Schmidt, Linda Heindel

Supervisor: Ray Abert

An Executive Session met for personnel issues, 6:30-6:50 pm.

Chairman Williams opened the meeting at 7:01 pm. He called for the pledge of allegiance, then a review of the September 28, 2021 minutes. Motion (moved Hine, 2nd Heindel) to approve the minutes. Approved 3 (Williams, Hine, Heindel), abstention 1 (Schmidt)

Updates

2020-1 Ballek Rd. /Russell project– Heritage’s Baird reported to County (Acevedo) completion of all documents. Still awaiting close-out of easement between Heritage Conservancy (holder) and County. \$83,153.90 due to Township.

2021-1 Berger Rd.– Williams contacted landowner, was told the process continues.

2021-2 Raubsville Rd. – Williams noted that the Agreement of Sale (AOS) and Conservation Easement (CE) documents have been sent to the landowner. Hine obtained bids for the survey from Keystone \$9,800 and Cowan of Quakertown \$5,650. Hine explored a third bid with Dennis Litzenberger but was told the surveyor had no time but requested to be kept on the bid list. Motion (Hine, 2nd Williams) to accept the Cowan bid contingent upon the Agreement of Sale; passed 4-0. Schmidt will contact the owners about progress on the project.

Old Business

Report on outreach – Schmidt continues to work with a landowner on Steely Hill.

New Business

Current LPB members voted on candidates for current and upcoming positions on LPB for recommendation to the BOS:

For current vacancy on LPB – Ken Kodama (nominated Schmidt, 2nd Hine); approved 4-0

For January 1, 2022 upcoming vacancy – Lorraine Mineo (nominated Hine, 2nd Williams); approved 4-0

For current Alternate – Rob Christopher (nominated Schmidt, 2nd Hine); approved 4-0

For 2nd current Alternate – Lori Cox (nominated Hine, 2nd Williams); approved 4-0.

Williams will report LPB’s recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for their November meeting. He expressed deep appreciation to the citizens who applied for the positions, applauding their interest in supporting the community.

Question was raised about Heritage and/or County preservation signs on the preserved properties.

Treasurer’s report: Hine reported from the Township Treasurer as of September, 2021: Total of \$1,830,026.07 in the Open Space Account. We are awaiting the County’s \$83,157.90 reimbursement on the completed Russell project. No expenses were reported this month.

Announcements – None

Audience Comments – None

Meeting was adjourned at 7.46 pm. (on motion by Hine, 2nd Williams), approved 4-0.

Submitted

Linda Heindel, Secretary

Next Meeting: November 23, 2021, 7 pm at the Community Building