

**Williams Township Land Preservation Board**  
**Minutes, January 25, 2022 Meeting**  
**At the Williams Township Community Building, 655 Cider Press Rd., Easton, PA 18042**

Present: Jim Williams, Bob Schmidt, Ron Hinehline, Ken Kodama, (new member) Lorraine Mineo

Chairman Williams opened the meeting at 7:10 pm. He called for the pledge of allegiance, then a review of the December 28, 2021 minutes. Motion (moved by Hinehline, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schmidt) to approve the minutes. Approved 5-0 (Williams, Schmidt, Mineo, Hinehline, Kodama)

Reorganization:

Chairman - Motion to approve James Williams as Chairman was made by Hinehline and seconded by Mineo. Approved 5-0 (Williams, Schmidt, Hinehline, Mineo, Kodama).

Vice Chairman – Motion to approve Robert Schmidt as Vice Chairman was made by Kodama and seconded Mineo. Approved 5-0 (Williams, Schmidt, Hinehline, Mineo, Kodama).

Secretary – Motion to approve Ronald Hinehline as Secretary was made by Kodama and Seconded by Schmidt. Approved 5-0 (Williams, Schmidt, Hinehline, Mineo, Kodama).

Updates

2020-1 Ballek Rd. /Russell project– Property still needs a joint Township/County/Heritage “preserved property” sign. Williams reported he has received no new information from Heritage. Williams will again reach out to Heritage.

2021-1 Berger Rd.– No new action has occurred. Williams reported that he contacted the property owner who assured him the Agreement of Sale (AOS) and Conservation Easement (CE) will be signed within 3 weeks.

2021-2 Raubsville Rd. – The AOS and CE are with the property owner. Schmidt went to the residence and was unable to make contact and left a note at the property. No new action has occurred.

Outreaches: Schmidt reported that he remains in contact with an interested property owner on Steely Hill Rd. He added that the owners are looking to buy another parcel that is currently covered under Act 319. The owners indicated that they want to apply for preservation in the near future.

Old Business

Williams reported that no response was received from Heritage regarding a joint conservation easement sign. He will continue to contact Heritage for further information.

Treasurer’s report via Ron Hinehline from Township Treasurer shows \$1,911,590.83. Expenditures included \$363.00 to township solicitor and \$240.00 to Heritage Conservancy.

New Business –Schmidt suggested the LPB plan on a renewed effort to develop interest in preserving property. Schmidt agreed to create a list of 3-5 properties by next meeting that have features which are advantageous to preservation. At the next meeting the board will begin drafting targeted letters to the land owners requesting an in-person meeting to go over the property features that make them a desirable candidate and the benefits of preservation.

Williams inquired about an updated map of preserved properties in Williams Township. Schmidt stated that there might be a recent map on the Comprehensive Plan website. Members agreed to search the site for a map.

Announcements – None

Audience Comments – None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. (on motion by Kodama and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mineo), approved 5-0 (Williams, Schmidt, Hinehline, Kodama, Mineo). Next Meeting: February 22, 2022, 7 pm at the Community Building

Submitted

Ronald Hinehline, Secretary