

Williams Township Land Preservation Board

Minutes, December 28, 2021 Meeting

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

Present: Jim Williams, Bob Schmidt, Linda Heindel, Ron Hinehline, Ken Kodama; Alternate Lori Ann Cox
Supervisor: Ray Abert

Chairman Williams opened the meeting at 7:01 pm. He called for the pledge of allegiance, then a review of the November 23, 2021 minutes. Motion (moved Hinehline, 2nd Schmidt) to approve the minutes. Approved 5-0 (Williams, Schmidt, Heindel, Hinehline, Kodama)

Updates

2020-1 Ballek Rd. /Russell project– All requirements have been completed. Twp Manager Sabatine reported receipt of check for \$83,153.90 due to Township. Property still needs the Heritage “preserved property” sign.

2021-1 Berger Rd.– Board of Supervisors had announced that the Agreement of Sale has been signed, but no further action has occurred.

2021-2 Raubsville Rd. – The Agreement of Sale (AOS) and Conservation Easement (CE) documents have been sent to the landowner, but there continues to be no response. Williams will contact the owners about progress on the project.

Old Business

The request for joint conservation easement signs on completed projects has been submitted to Heritage Conservancy, but “preserved property sign” has not yet materialized. Baird’s colleague has been asked to reach Williams.

Treasurer’s report via Ron Hinehline from Township Treasurer shows \$1,825,678.62 to which will be added the County’s reimbursement of \$83,153.90 from the Russell project Expenditures included \$1344.75 to township solicitor and \$440 to Heritage Conservancy.

Blue dots on trees to indicate no hunting were confirmed by several attendees. Game laws will be consulted for details.

New Business –Schmidt exhibited assorted maps relevant to Open Space preservation, including map of all tracts in the township, map of preserved properties (needs updating), map of forested areas vs. non-forest.. Brief discussion of duties of the secretary whose position will need to be filled at the January 2022 reorganization meeting.

Announcements – none

Audience Comments – Heindel, closing her 17-year membership on LPB, urged that members of the board take advantage of the learning opportunities associated with service on the board, including site visits. Growth in understanding of the open space preservation mission is facilitated by interaction of members. Schmidt presented her with a lovely Carole-Mebus-photo-card signed by many current and former colleagues on LPB.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. (on motion by Schmidt, 2nd Kodama), approved 5-0.

Submitted

Linda Heindel, Secretary

Next Meeting: January 25 2022, 7 pm at the Community Building