

Williams Township Land Preservation Board
Minutes, February 22, 2022 Meeting
At the Williams Township Community Building, 655 Cider Press Rd., Easton, PA 18042

Present: Jim Williams, Bob Schmidt, Lorraine Mineo, 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 January 25, 2022 minutes. Motion (moved by Schmidt, 2nd Kodama) to approve the minutes. Approved 5-0 (Williams, Schmidt, Mineo, Hinehline, Kodama)

Updates

2020-1 Ballek Rd. /Russell project– Property still needs the Heritage “preserved property” sign.

2021-1 Berger Rd.– The property owner has not yet signed the Agreement of Sale (AOS) and Conservation Agreement (CE). Williams will again contact the owner to resolve.

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. Schmidt left a note on the door of the owner’s home. Hinehline will call the property owner.

Outreaches: LPB discussed an interested property owner on Steeley Hill Road. Schmidt put together a list of prospective properties to contact via targeted letter. List narrowed to the top three properties: Deemer Road, Cider Press Road, and Wottrings Mill Road. Williams asked members to draft sample letters for consolidation at the next meeting, then to be sent to each property owner requesting an in-person meeting to go over the property features that make them a desirable candidate and the benefits of preservation. The LPB made a list of selling points targeted for each property such as acres, terrain, proximity to other preserved properties, and financial benefits to the owner. A previous sample letter was passed around.

Old Business

In response to Williams request, Kris Kern has emailed 2 preserved sign versions, but they are now in the process of redesign. The cost of the sign was discussed which could be shared by all entities involved in the preservation. Schmidt will contact the County to see if they have a sign design and discuss cost sharing.

New Business –LPB discussed maps. Kodama had printed maps to share. Hinehline reminded everyone of the most up to date map contained in the 2018 Comprehensive Plan booklet. This map has all the preserved properties, parks, cemeteries, etc. Williams will see if the township supervisors will pay for a new larger up dated map to be printed. This map can then be displayed in the township building.

Treasurer’s report via Ron Hinehline from Township Treasurer shows LPB Treasury Balance of \$1,923,560.26. No new expenses or bills paid in January 2022.

Announcements – Jim Williams announced that the Board may need to consider a new Chairman as he plans to move out of the area, and will be stepping down sooner than expected. Williams suggested that the Board start to consider who will move into the role of Chairman in the next two months.

Audience Comments – None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. (on motion by Hinehline, 2nd Mineo), approved 5-0 (Williams, Schmidt, Hinehline, Kordama, Mineo)

Submitted

Ron Hinehline, Secretary

Next Meeting: March 22, 2022, 7 pm at the Community Building