

Williams Township Land Preservation Board
Minutes, March 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; Supervisor: Ray Abert

Chairman Williams opened the meeting at 7:04 pm. He called for the pledge of allegiance, then a review of the February 22, 2022 minutes. Motion (moved by Kodama, 2nd Schmidt) 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. Schmidt reported that he has explored a sign through NORCO and Livable Landscapes and will check to see if a grant is available. The Board consensus was for the County format over the current Heritage sign format. But we will wait to see the new Heritage redesign before deciding.

2021-1 Berger Rd.– The property owner has not yet signed the Agreement of Sale (AOS) and Conservation Agreement (CE). Williams called the owner with no reply, 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. Hinehline contacted the property owners who stated they had a few problems with the CE terms. Hinehline suggested that we had resolved their other problems and perhaps a meeting could be scheduled to resolve these also. No reply to request. Will contact again.

Outreaches: 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. The Board reviewed, discussed, and revised the draft targeted letters for each property. Williams, Schmidt, and Kodama volunteered to present a revised letter using Mineo’s template for each of their chosen properties at our April Meeting.

Old Business

Maps: Williams reported he took a photo of the BOS Meeting room map, but it wasn’t clear who compiled it. Schmidt will research a DEP Map with Preserved Properties. Williams will contact the NORCO GIS person regarding availability of a map. Williams announced that he will not be moving in the near future.

New Business

Treasurer’s report via Ron Hinehline from Township Treasurer shows LPB Treasury Balance of \$1,920,363.65. February expenses were \$548.00 for legal fees and \$2,890 for Heritage Conservancy expenses.

The Board requested to review the individual expense invoices each month so we can have a better understanding of the expenses. Discussion was held on the possibility of future short term CD interest rate increases. Hinehline advised that the office follows this also and he will follow up.

With the personnel changes at Heritage Conservancy, the Board recommended that it might be appropriate for the LPB to review the Preserved Property Annual Monitoring Reports. Hinehline will request these. Chairman Williams announced that he couldn't attend the April meeting and asked Schmidt to Chair. Accepted.

Audience Comments

Linda Heindel announced that the Williams Township Historical Society will hold their Spring Meeting on Sunday, March 27, 3pm at St. John’s Church on Morgan Hill. A presentation on the history of the life of Peter Uhler will be made by Elizabeth Weaver. The WTHS is celebrating its 45th Birthday with a cake.

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

Submitted

Ron Hinehline, Secretary

Next Meeting April 26, 2022, 7pm at the Community Building