

Williams Township Land Preservation Board

Minutes, May 24, 2022 Meeting

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

Present: Jim Williams, Bob Schmidt, Lorraine Mineo, Ron Hinehline, Alternate Lori Cox, Supervisors: Mike Bryant, and Ray Abert: resident: Polly Clark

Chairman Williams opened the meeting at 7:01 pm. He called for the pledge of allegiance, then a review of the April 26, 2022 minutes. Motion (moved by Hinehline, 2nd Schmidt) to approve the minutes. Approved 4-0 (Williams, Schmidt, Mineo, Hinehline).

Updates

2020-1 Ballek Rd. /Russell project– Property still needs the Heritage “preserved property” sign. Williams reported he has contacted Heritage on their new logo, but they haven’t returned information. Schmidt will get a quote from Fast Signs. All felt the sign should include the name of the property owner, Northampton County, Heritage Conservancy, and Williams Township LPB. The Board consensus is that the property owner should approve the placement of signs.

2021-1 Berger Rd.– The signed AOS has been completed. Township has signed the survey contract with Cowan to proceed with the survey. Since Heritage has not shown us the preservation area map, Bryant recommended we obtain one listing the various protection areas. Then obtain BOS approval before we submit it to the County for funds.

2021-2 Raubsville Rd. – The property owners have verbally advised us they did not want to proceed with the preservation process. The Township and Solicitor said that the LPB only needs to vote on the termination to close out the project.. Discussion was held that we obtain more information from the Solicitor for possible recuperation methods before we vote. After further discussion, we voted (4-0) to close out the project.

Outreaches: Mineo will make minor revisions to the Mammana letter and circulate it to the Board. Williams will revise the Diehl letter.

Old Business

Maps: Williams will contact Mel Ernst to ascertain if any new Open Space maps are available.

Preserved Property Monitoring Reports: Williams reported that he had been advised that Heritage has been delayed in performing monitoring.

New Business

Treasurer’s report via Ron Hinehline from Township Treasurer shows LPB Treasury Balance of \$1,920,588.72. April expenses of \$34.00 were for legal fees regarding the PennEast Condemnation. The Board questioned why this was charged to the Open Space account. Williams will check on this.

Announcements: None

Audience Comments: None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. (on motion by Mineo, 2nd Schmidt), approved 4-0 (Williams, Schmidt, Hinehline, Mineo)

Submitted

Ronald Hinehline, Secretary

Next Meeting June 28, 2022, 7 pm
Williams Township Community Building