

Williams Township Land Preservation Board (LPB)

Minutes February 24, 2026

Williams Township Community Building

655 Cider Press Rd., Easton, PA 18042

Present: Ken Kodama, Tom Heilman, Lorraine Mineo, Michael Cortright, Lori Cox, and Alternate Matthew Little; Board of Supervisor (BOS) Ray Abert; and township residents

An executive session was held at 6:45 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ken Kodama at 7:15 PM. He called for the Pledge of Allegiance, then a review of the January 27, 2026 minutes. Cox noted a name misspelling. Mineo made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Heilman. The motion was approved 5-0.

Updates on Preservation Projects:

- 2022-2 (south parcel): Kodama reported that he does not have any recent updates, but the closing for this project should be any day now. Abert added that the property owners agreed to an extension, possibly until March.
- 2023-4 (north parcel): Kodama reported that this project is closed. He also shared that Matt Babbitt of Heritage Conservancy (Heritage) said that they will handle the preservation sign, which will be one sign for both the south (2022-2) and north parcels.
- 2023-3: Kodama reported that Heritage will also handle the preservation sign for this property.
- 2025-1: Kodama reported that Babbitt said that this conservation easement donation project is moving along with no issues.
- 2025-2: Kodama reported that the board is working with Babbitt to schedule a site visit in late March 2026 and that the property owners still wish to move forward with the project.
- 2025-3: Kodama reported that he has not received any updates on the appraisal for this project. The property owner was present and said that the appraisal was just done about 10 days ago but he has not yet received a copy, which he would like. Kodama will follow up with the Township Manager.
- 2026-1: The board held an executive session this evening with representatives from Natural Lands. The LPB discussed its thoughts on the project and felt it is appropriate for land preservation. Kodama will discuss the matter with the Township Manager. In summary, Natural Lands had explained that they are requesting assistance from the township to procure the land, which would ensure 50 percent funding from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). They will also seek funding from other sources but are hopeful that the township will provide the remaining 50 percent. They stated that if the township accepts their application, the township would, in return, receive a conservation easement on the land. Natural Lands also stated that if they obtain a funding agreement from the township, they can move forward with their process and receive reimbursement at a later date.

Old Business:

- Mineo followed up with the landowners for a past preservation project, and they reported that they liked their current sign and do not wish to pursue a different one. Moving forward, Kodama reported that Heritage will handle all preservation signage requests.

New Business:

- LPB discussed Williams Township's new website, which was viewed favorably. Heilman had difficulty opening the link for the map of preserved properties in the township. It appears the link is not working, and Heilman will notify the Township Manager.

Treasurer's Report: Mineo shared that she will have the financial reports for December 2025, January 2026 and February 2026 for the March 2026 LPB meeting.

Announcements:

- None.

Comments from audience:

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM, following a motion by Cox, seconded by Cortright. The motion was approved 5-0.

Next meeting March 24, 2026 @ 7:00 PM, Williams Township Community Building.

Submitted,

Lori Cox, Secretary