

Williams Township Land Preservation Board (LPB)

Minutes November 26, 2024

Williams Township Community Building

655 Cider Press Rd., Easton, PA 18042

Present: Ken Kodama, Bob Schmidt, Tom Heilman, Lorraine Mineo; Board of Supervisor (BOS)
Ray Abert; Matt Babbitt of Heritage Conservancy (Heritage); township residents

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ken Kodama at 7:00 PM. He called for the Pledge of Allegiance, then a review of the October 22, 2024 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Heilman and seconded by Schmidt. The motion was approved 4-0.

Updates on Preservation Projects:

- 2022-2: There has been no progress by Met-Ed regarding the right-of-way (ROW) title search. Heritage has applied for the Highland Grant.
- 2023-4: There has been no progress by Met-Ed regarding the ROW title search. Heritage has applied for the Highland Grant.
- 2023-3: Heritage has applied for the Highland Grant.
- Show of interest: No new information to report.

Old Business:

- For the map of preserved properties, Heritage is arranging for a printed map to be displayed at the Williams Township Community Building. A replacement map will also be printed for the main meeting room after Schmidt provides measurements.
- Northampton County's new model easement language remains unavailable, and no timeline for approval has been provided.

New Business:

- Regarding the open space tax referendum, it was decided that a petition is unnecessary. The LPB will ask the BOS in March to begin the process of putting the referendum on the November ballot.

Treasurer's Report: Mineo shared the financial report as of November 2024: Checking account \$8,418.64, savings account \$524,917.52, and CD \$1,401,935.47 total \$1,515,413.09. An amount of \$1,000,000 has been rolled into a three-month CD.

Announcements: Schmidt announced his intention to resign after the December LPB meeting.

Comments from audience: None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM, following a motion by Mineo, seconded by Heilman. The motion was approved 4-0.

Next meeting December 17, 2024 @ 7:00 PM, Williams Township Community Building.

Submitted,

Lori Cox, Secretary