

Williams Township Land Preservation Board (LPB)

Minutes December 17, 2024

Williams Township Community Building

655 Cider Press Rd., Easton, PA 18042

Present: Ken Kodama, Bob Schmidt, Tom Heilman, Lorraine Mineo, Lori Cox; Board of Supervisor (BOS) Ray Abert; township residents

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ken Kodama at 7:02 PM. He called for the Pledge of Allegiance, then a review of the November 26, 2024 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Heilman and seconded by Mineo. The motion was approved 5-0.

Updates on Preservation Projects:

- 2022-2: There are no updates regarding the Met-Ed right-of-way (ROW) title search. Kodama will email Matt Babbitt of Heritage Conservancy (Heritage) and the Township Manager to inquire if the Township Solicitor can contact Met-Ed about this. Heritage has also submitted the Highland Grant.
- 2023-4: The status is as noted for 2022-2, with no updates on the Met-Ed title search. Heritage has submitted the Highland Grant.
- 2023-3: Heritage has submitted the Highland Grant.

Old Business:

- The block style map of preserved properties has been printed and is ready to be displayed in the Community Building. The Township Manager left it for the LPB to review during tonight's meeting. The LPB is very happy with the map and would like for it to be mounted in the meeting room. For the smaller map intended for the Township Building, Schmidt took measurements and will send them to Babbitt at Heritage.
- The new model easement language from Northampton County (NORCO) is still unavailable, and no timeline for approval has been provided. It was noted that NORCO is not currently accepting new applications.
- Plans for the open space tax referendum remain on hold.

New Business:

- As previously announced, Schmidt will resign after tonight's meeting. The LPB recognized and thanked Schmidt for his many years of dedicated service on the board, noting that he will be greatly missed.

Treasurer's Report: Mineo shared the financial report as of December 2024: Checking account \$290.11 and savings account \$1,526,420.06, total \$1,526,710.17. Mineo noted that the Treasurer's Report for November 2024 is not available, as it has not been approved by the BOS. Some discussion followed regarding the recent pattern of delayed Treasurer's Report over the past few months.

Announcements: None.

Comments from audience: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM, following a motion by Schmidt, seconded by Cox. The motion was approved 5-0.

Next meeting January 28, 2024 @ 7:00 PM, Williams Township Community Building. Submitted, Lori Cox, Secretary