

Richland Township Preservation Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2017
Submitted by Rich Sadler

Members Present

In attendance were Kathy Fedorocsko, Neil Erkert, Dale Henninger and Rich Sadler. Staff member present was Rich Brittingham. Heritage Representative Laura Baird

A. Minutes

November's minutes approved as written.

B. Reorganization

Office	Candidate	Nominated by	Seconded by	Vote tally
President	Kathy Fedorocsko	Dale Henninger	Neil Erkert	Unanimous
Vice President	Dale Henninger	Kathy Fedorocsko	Neil Erkert	Unanimous
Secretary	Rich Sadler	Dale Henninger	Neil Erkert	Unanimous

C. Financial Report: By our township treasurer, Chuck's estimate, we have about \$442,059 available; the bond will be paid off at the end of 2018; the referendum passed so we will continue receiving our 0.1% of the EIT until June 2023.

A. Property Reports, Active:

1. **Walter & Martha Herrman, 36-039-037, 76 acres on Richhill Rd;** Laura spoke to them & the Herrman want to move forward again. We are attempting to preserve the property thru the County Natural Areas Program requiring a 50% match from us. The 1st appraisal from Indian Valley came in at \$8000/acre, \$520,000 for the entire property. The Herrmans' are asking for a 2nd appraisal; Rich B need them to request the appraisal in writing before he can proceed.

B. Property Reports: Pending Contact / Action:

1. **Eberbach, 380 Raub Rd., 36-29-47, 36-29-48-1, 36-29-50-1, 30 acres;** Laura will help them with the application
2. **Bonk, Meadow Rd., 36-29-78, 109 acres;** Kathy & Laura will visit Mrs. Bonk on January 20. There is a possible tie-in with Mr. Stoneback as he farms it. Laura wants to try preserving it under the County Ag program. The first requirement for County Ag is to get the property added to our Ag Security district- Laura & Kathy will bring an Ag Security application to their meeting.

C. Maintenance policy on Township owned preserved properties: Laura will have Jim Drennan from Heritage call Richland's Roadmaster, Jim Benner. The recommendation is to cut 1/3 of the acreage every year. Winter or early spring is the best time for cutting. The Township would have to do the cutting:

D. Baseline Monitoring: Future monitoring will be done every other year, & must be done in 2017. The BOS approved renewing the contract with Heritage for baseline monitoring in the future.

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Old Business

- A. **ASA; No Change;** Rich B has 3-4 more property owners interested in joining: he'd like to consolidate their approval in one meeting.
- B. **Higher quality property signs;** Ten signs have been installed on the Keller, Mann, Burkey, Fluck & 6 other properties.
- C. The BOS approved allowing Alpacas on the Godshall (was Wernett) Property. Rich B sent a letter to the Bucks County Commissioners asking for an amendment: no answer yet.

New Business

- A. At the BOS meeting, Paul Stepanoff proposed accepting 5000 cubic yards of fill from Cold Storage; one place that it could have been stored is Veteran's Park. Rich B reported that it will not be stored there.

Motion to Adjourn- Neil motioned, Dale seconded, unanimous approval.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 PM