

# Richland Township Preservation Board Meeting Minutes

May 10, 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.

## A. Minutes

March's minutes approved as written.

B. **Financial Report:** No new update; In March, our township treasurer, Chuck, estimated we have about \$213,717 available after purchasing the Easement on Hermann; 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 Natural Areas Program is holding open a slot for the Hermanns. The 1<sup>st</sup> appraisal from Indian Valley came in at \$8000/acre, \$520,000 for the entire property. Rich B sent Scanzillo a request for a 2<sup>nd</sup> appraisal;
2. **South Mine Road, 36-05-26, Donated property;** The BOS in March approved accepting the donation of the property.

## B. Property Reports: Pending Contact / Action:

1. **Eberbach, 380 Raub Rd., 36-29-47, 36-29-48-1, 36-29-50-1, 30 acres;** We decided not to preserve it; its zoning as a riding academy limits the land area that could be preserved
2. **Bonk, Meadow Rd., 36-29-78, 109 acres;** Mrs. Bonk changed her mind about preservation & backed out of the Ag security meeting Rich B had set up an on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Kathy & Laura want to keep trying & will meet with Mrs. Bonk, her lawyer, & Tom Stoneback, who is presently farming it. The property can be preserved under the County Ag program since the property is ranked #6 on County Ag's list.
3. **Templeton, Beck Road, 10 Acres;** Rich B received their application. There has been no further contact
4. **Swartley, Trumbauer Road, 81 Acres; No Change;** Rich B sent them an application

C. **Maintenance policy on Township owned preserved properties:** The ground was too wet to mow in April- we hope to mow it this winter. The recommendation is to cut 1/3 of the acreage every year. Winter or early spring is the best time for cutting. The Township will have to do the cutting:

D. **Baseline Monitoring:** 5 properties were monitored by Heritage & Neil; 5 more are scheduled for next month

**Motion to Adjourn-** Neil motioned, Dale seconded, unanimous approval. Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 12, 7:00 PM

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