

Richland Township Preservation Board Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2015
Submitted by Rich Sadler

Members Present

In attendance were Kathy Fedorocsko, Dale Henniger, Neil Erkert and Rich Sadler. Staff member present was Rich Brittingham. Guests: Township Supervisors Rick Orloff & Tim Ritter; Heritage representative Laura Baird,

A. Minutes

November's minutes approved as corrected.

B. Annual Reorganization: Kathy Fedorocsko to continue as President, Dale Henniger continues as Vice President, Rich Sadler continues as Secretary

C. Financial Report: \$33,509.24 (last month we had \$256,083.97!) The bond will be fully paid off in 2017-18 . Kathy & Rich to meet with township treasurer to go over the figures.

D. Property Reports, Active: None

E. Property Reports: Pending Contact / Action

1. Liberty Homes, 36-09-102-2 & 36-09-112, 445 Gross road, 96 acres. Kathy made contact; we'll schedule a property walk. Laura Baird will find out if we can apply for a DCNR grant for this property

F. Maintenance policy on Township owned preserved properties: Tabled

Heritage doesn't do Maintenance. We will walk the properties to outline what areas need to be mowed periodically before asking Tom Roeder, Richland Township's roadmaster, to quote on a maintenance plan.

G. Baseline Monitoring: Heritage approved by the BOS to do once per year monitor & report. Laura presented a spreadsheet with status of 30 properties to be monitored starting in Spring 2015.

H. New bond: Kathy drafted a letter to see if any property owners are interested in preservation before we propose a new bond. She'll get Laura Held to mail it

Old Business

Dale will schedule an ASA meeting next year to include the two new properties. Supervisor Orloff will chair the meeting. Rich B will find out about legal requirements of advertising the meeting. The 7 year lifespan of the ASA is up; A hearing with the BOS is required to renew it for another 7 years.

Higher quality property signs; Kathy got a quote of \$600 per sign. We'll buy 15-20 signs

Hunting policy: We recommend posting our Fee Simple properties with the following: "Hunting by permit only" Rich B will contact the PA State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) about how other townships handle this.

Historic Preservation Ordinance: We'll review our previous ordinance proposal against the provisions in our current zoning ordinance for historic preservation

Open Discussion

Supervisor Orloff requested that we think about where the Preservation Board is going after we use up all our funds. Some suggestions were:

1. Opening up preserved parcels we own as "passive recreation" parks
2. Putting together a proposal for another bond issue (see **H. New bond**, above)
3. Review our mission statement- we found it needs work.

Motion to Adjourn- Kathy motioned, Niel seconded, unanimous approval.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 7:00 PM