Land Preservation Committee Approved Minutes January 19, 2010

The meeting of the Honey Brook Township Land Preservation Committee was called to order at 8:20 am. John McHugh, Henry Stoltzfus, and Max Dobles were present along with Township Supervisor Lew Wertley.

Motion by Henry Stoltzfus, seconded by Max Dobles, to approve November 2009's minutes. All in favor. Motion passes.

Committee members expressed an interest in attending seminars relevant to land preservation and in hearing credit options presented by a financial representative.

Motion by Max Dobles, seconded by Henry Stoltzfus, to continue to meet at 6:30 on the third Tuesday of each odd-numbered month.

Agreement to postpone a decision on the formation of a Task Force that would review the committee's land preservation efforts along with a review of the current land preservation plan in order to ensure that the committee's efforts are consistent with the objectives of the Township's master plan. Elections of chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary were also postponed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Land Preservation Committee Draft Minutes (Never Approved) March 9, 2010

The meeting of the Honey Brook Township Land Preservation Committee was called to order at 6:30 pm. John McHugh, Ben E. Stoltzfus, Dave Rotelle, and Max Dobles were present along with Township Manager Mike Brown.

Motion by Ben E. Stoltzfus, seconded by Max Dobles, to approve January's minutes. All in favor. Motion passes.

Motion by John McHugh, seconded by Max Dobles, to continue the committee's executive positions in 2010. All in favor. Motion passes.

Extensive review of land preservation applications and ancillary information by Mike Brown.

Motion by Max Dobles, seconded by Dave Rotelle, to recommend the Supervisors approve cost sharing for preservation of four (4) farms. All in favor. Motion passes.

Note: This special meeting took the place of the committee's regularly scheduled March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Land Preservation Committee Approved Minutes April 13, 2010

The meeting of the Honey Brook Township Land Preservation Committee was called to order at 6:40 pm. John McHugh, Ben E. Stoltzfus, Henry Stoltzfus, Dave Rotelle, and Max Dobles were present along with Township Supervisor Lew Wertley and Township Manager Mike Brown. John Goodall from The Brandywine Conservancy was also present.

Presentation by Emmanuel S. Stoltzfus, Tax Parcel 22-6-55 & -56, on the animal composting facility for which he leases approximately one acre (1) of his farm.

Discussion by John Goodall of four (4) farms the county has approved for preservation.

Motion by John McHugh, seconded by Henry Stoltzfus, to recommend to the township supervisors to approve cost share for preservation for tax parcel 22-6-55 & -56. All in favor. Motion passes.

Motion by John McHugh, seconded by Ben E. Stoltzfus, to recommend to the township supervisors to approve cost share for preservation for tax parcel 22-7-61. All in favor. Motion passes.

Motion by Max Dobles, seconded by Ben E. Stoltzfus, to recommend to the township supervisors to approve cost share for preservation for Tax Parcels 22-4-35, -36, -41, & -57. All in favor. Motion passes.

Motion by Henry J. Stoltzfus, seconded by John McHugh, to amend the motion by making the recommendation contingent on the landowner (of Tax Parcels 22-4-35, -36, -41, & -57) accepting five (5) year payment terms from the Township for the Township's share of the purchase price. All in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Land Preservation Committee Approved Minutes July 20, 2010

The meeting of the Honey Brook Township Land Preservation Committee was called to order at 6:30 pm. John McHugh, Ben E. Stoltzfus, Dave Rotelle, and Max Dobles were present along with Township Manager Mike Brown and Township Supervisor Joe Fenstermacher. John Goodall from the Brandywine Conservancy and a resident from Knob Hill also attended.

Motion by Dave Rotelle, seconded by John McHugh, to approve the minutes of April 13, 2010. All in favor. Motion passes.

Update by John Goodall on new applications, land preservation in the Brandywine watershed, and evolving preservation in our township.

Review of finances by Mike Brown to include the advantages of land owners taking installment payments.

Discussion about the intricacies of borrowing funds for land preservation. While no specifics were reached, there was unanimous agreement to "stay within our budget". Joe Fenstermacher approved borrowing funds for land preservation and agreed with the importance of "staying within our budget."

Motion by John McHugh, seconded by Ben E. Stoltzfus, to gather information on borrowing and bring it to the next meeting. All in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Land Preservation Committee Approved Minutes September 21, 2010

The meeting of the Honey Brook Township Land Preservation Committee was called to order at 6:35 pm. John McHugh, Ben E. Stoltzfus, Dave Rotelle and Max Dobles were present along with Heath Eddy, the township's Director of Planning. Also present were John Goodall from the Brandywine Conservancy and Derek Reese from the Lancaster County Conservancy.

Derek Reese made a relatively brief presentation requesting assistance with funding for preserving timberland adjacent to Money Rocks Park in Narvon, Lancaster County.

Motion by Dave Rotelle, seconded by John McHugh, to approve July's minutes. All in favor. Motion passes.

Discussion of the finances (funds, preservation, cash flow) led by John Goodall.

Motion by John McHugh, seconded by Ben E. Stoltzfus, to send a letter to the country preservation board stressing the importance of continued county funding in order to insure the continued growth and development of the township's outstanding preservation program. All in favor. Motion passes.

Discussion about a bank loan to continue to maximize preservation.

Discussion of the Farmers' Breakfast. Dr. Hubert Kerman will be solicited to speak.

Motion by John McHugh, seconded by Max Dobles, to have the logistics for the Farmers' Breakfast finalized by November's meeting. All in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Land Preservation Committee Approved Minutes November 23, 2010

The meeting of the Honey Brook Land Preservation Committee was called to order at 6:42 pm. John McHugh, Ben E. Stoltzfus, and Max Dobles were present along with Heath Eddy, the township's Director of Planning.

Motion by Ben E. Stoltzfus, seconded by John McHugh, to approve September's minutes. All in favor. Motion passes.

Discussion of finances:

- 3 farmers have elected to take payments rather than a lump sum payment
- This quarter the Land Preservation Fund will be approximately \$10,000 in the red
- A loan for \$1.5 million to meet current and future obligations was approved by the

Township Board of Supervisors

- A county board released approved funds for 2010 after receiving a letter from the LPC requesting clarity on this issue

Discussion of new members for the LPC.

Discussion of our goal for 2011: update the Township's land preservation document.

Finalize plans for the Farmers' Breakfast, January 18, 2011.

- 7:30 am LPC meeting
- 8:00 am breakfast is served
- speakers:
 - a representative from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation will discuss the Reserve Enhancement Program
 - Dr. Hubert Kerman, a veterinarian for organic farms, will discuss optimal pasture use by livestock
 - John Goodall, from the Brandywine Conservancy, will discuss the procedure for preserving land

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,