

Honey Brook Land Preservation Committee Approved Minutes Tuesday September 20, 2016 7:00 PM

Attendees: Shane Hadden (Chair), Chip Jones (Vice Chair), Sue Lacy (Member), Mike Zook (Member)

Additional Attendees: Steve Landes (HBT Manager), John Goodall (Brandywine Conservancy), John McHugh (HBT Supervisor), Tracy Olsen (HBT Supervisor), Travis Stacey (HBT Supervisor) Geoff Shellington (Chester County)

1. Review and approve May 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

Motion to Approve: C. Jones

Second: M. Zook

In favor: All

2. Discussion with township supervisors: The Supervisors decided to meet with the Committee for the purpose of exchanging information and discussing topics such as but not limited to land preservation goals; learning about how many farms are there that could still be preserved; what are the immediate and future funding needs; etc.

Supervisors request that the committee present an annual report for each years progress and overall program accomplishments.

3. NFWF Grant Presentation – John Goodall with guests from Stroud and BVA: NFWF grant that the Conservancy, Stroud and BVA have received to improve water quality in Honey Brook Township (and beyond).

It has been well documented that good farming practices lead to good water quality for the local and downstream communities. We have had funding coming in from many non-taxpayer sources to help make that happen in our township. The Brandywine Conservancy working with Stroud Water Research Center and BVA have gotten a grant for half a million dollars for use in supporting farmers within Honey Brook Township with farm improvements that will improve water quality.

4. Project updates - John Goodall: 2 new farms for approval
5. Geoff Shellington – 6 farm applications to consider

There was a motion to recommend that the board of supervisors approve all 8 farms decribed in the documents presented by Geoff Shellington and John Goodall for preservation at a cost not to exceed \$222,000 per year.

Tax parcels considered: 22-10-9.3, 22-8-33, 22-7-52, 22-7-7, 22-7-12, 22-7-47, 22-7-48, 22-7-63, 22-7-67, 22-7-81, 22-7-82, 22-4-42, 22-7-56, 22-7-37, 22-7-16 (~406 ac total)

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* It is anticipated that this project will require significantly less township funding once final approval for funding via the Brandywine Conservancy is confirmed.

6. Committee Outreach Letter – Shane Hadden

Delayed until November meeting

7. Financial Review

8. New business

9. Future LPC meeting schedule:

Tuesday November 15, 2016 starting at 7:00PM

Tuesday January 17, 2017 starting at 8:00AM

10. Adjournment

Motion: M. Zook

Second: C. Jones

In favor: All