

Honey Brook Land Preservation Committee Approved O kpwgu
Tuesday January 19, 2016 8:00 AM

The January 19, 2016 meeting of the Honey Brook Land Preservation Committee was called to order at 8:00AM.

Attendees: Chip Jones (Chair), Shane Hadden (Vice Chair), Sue Lacy (Member), Mike Zook (Member), John Stoltzfus (Member), David McElhenny (Alt Member).

Additional Attendees: Steve Landes (HBT Manager), John Goodall (Brandywine Conservancy), Geoff Shellington & Bill Gladden (Chester County Agricultural Preservation Program), S. Stoltzfus, J. Stoltzfus, J. Stoltzfus, D. Patton, S. Ficher

1. Review and approve December 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

Motion to Approve: J. Stoltzfus

Second: S. Hadden

In favor: All

2. Re-Organization

A. Vote on Chairman / Secretary of the Committee

Nominated: S. Hadden

Motion to Approve: C. Jones

Second: S. Lacy

In favor: All

B. Vote on Vice Chairman / Secretary of the Committee

Nominated: C. Jones

Motion to Approve: J. Stoltzfus

Second: M. Zook

In favor: All

3. New business: G. Shellington stated that the open space application process for 2016 opens in February and will run through August.

4. Future LPC meeting schedule:

Tuesday March 15, 2016 starting at 7:000PM

Tuesday May 17, 2016 starting at 7:000PM

Tuesday July 19, 2016 starting at 7:000PM

Tuesday September 20, 2016 starting at 7:000PM

Tuesday November 15, 2016 starting at 7:00PM
Tuesday January 17, 2017 starting at 8:00AM

5. Adjournment

Motion: S. Hadden

Second: S. Lacy

In favor: All

Honey Brook Land Preservation Committee Approved Minutes Tuesday March 15, 2016 7:00 PM

Attendees: Shane Hadden (Chair), Chip Jones (Vice Chair), Sue Lacy (Member), Mike Zook (Member), John Stoltzfus (Member), David McElhenny (Alt Member).

Additional Attendees: John Goodall (Brandywine Conservancy), John McHugh (HBT Supervisor), Robert Daniels (Brandywine Conservancy)

1. Review and approve January 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

Motion to Approve: Chip Jones

Second: John Stoltzfus

In favor: All

2. 7-year Ag Security Area (ASA) Review - Robert Daniels, Brandywine Conservancy

- This process is usually every 7 years, it has been 14 years since Honey Brook was last reviewed
- The Brandywine Conservancy is consulting on the process, they are reviewing the data from the county
- Many farms are eligible to join, some need to be removed due to development
- Chester County requests that we complete the process by September
- Next steps:
 - Letter to farmers about joining/leaving/staying in ASA
 - Comment period
 - Public hearing
 - Approval by supervisors in August

3. New business

- There is a new farm with an application in progress
- Several farms, comprising several hundred acres are still in process of applying, continuing from last year
- John McHugh requested that the committee consider the impact of a reduction in our EIT funding and the nature of the goals of the program.

4. Future LPC meeting schedule:

Tuesday May 17, 2016 starting at 7:00 PM

Tuesday July 19, 2016 starting at 7:00 PM

Tuesday September 20, 2016 starting at 7:00 PM

Tuesday November 15, 2016 starting at 7:00 PM

Tuesday January 17, 2017 starting at 8:00AM

5. Adjournment

Motion: Mike Zook

Second: Susan Lacy

In favor: All

Honey Brook Land Preservation Committee Cr r t q x g f 'Minutes

Tuesday May 17, 2016 7:00 PM

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

Additional Attendees: John Goodall (Brandywine Conservancy), John McHugh (HBT Supervisor), Robert Daniels (Brandywine Conservancy)

1. Review and approve March 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

- Minor correction to page header

Motion to Approve: C. Jones

Second: S. Lacy

In favor: All

2. 7-year Ag Security Area (ASA) Review, continued - Robert Daniels, Brandywine Conservancy

- Public notification period ended at the end of April 2016
- Now in official review phase. Additions and removals presented to LPC and Planning commission for comment
- Any additional applications should be submitted by mid-June. Forms are available from the township.
- John Goodall to follow up with a few possible additions, LPC committee members invited to do the same

3. Project updates - John Goodall

Several farms are in progress at each level, but there are none to present to the Supervisors at this time.

4. Committee Outreach - John Goodall

We as a committee have an important role in neighbor to neighbor outreach for the program

5. New business

N/A

6. Future LPC meeting schedule:

Tuesday July 19, 2016 starting at 7:00PM

Tuesday September 20, 2016 starting at 7:00PM

Tuesday November 15, 2016 starting at 7:00PM

Tuesday January 17, 2017 starting at 8:00AM

7. Adjournment

Motion: M. Zook

Second: S. Lacy

In favor: All

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 deacribed 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)

Motion to Approve: C. Jones

Second: S. Lacy

In favor: All

* 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

Honey Brook Land Preservation Committee Approved Minutes Tuesday November 15, 2016 7:00 PM

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

Additional Attendees: John Goodall (Brandywine Conservancy), Geoff Shellington (Chester County), Jack Stefferud (Natural Lands Trust), Patrick Gardner (Natural Lands Trust)

1. Review and approve September 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

Motion to Approve: S. Lacy

Second: C. Jones

In favor: All

2. Natural Lands Trust – Project to create a 155 acre public preserve that spans West Caln (114ac) and Honey Brook (41ac) Townships.

The LPC recommends that the BOS approve the expenditure of an amount not-to-exceed of \$175,000 (\$35,000 annually over five years) from the LP EIT fund to cover purchase of approximately 10% of the easement rights for tax Parcels 22-10-3, 28-2-12, 28-2-15, 28-2-16 consisting of 41 +/- acres located in Honey Brook Township. This recommendation is contingent on the participation of West Caln Township with an equitable contribution to purchase easement rights of contiguous land forming the total project property located in West Caln Township equating +/- 114 Acres.

Motion to Approve: S. Lacy

Second: C. Jones

In favor: All

3. Committee Annual Report contents and format

The committee proposes that the report be presented to the supervisors at the March meeting

4. Whose term is ending, and who would like to continue for another term?

Susan Lacy (term ending 12/31/2016) – interested in continuing

Shane Hadden (term ending 12/31/2016) – interested in continuing

5. Confirmed future LPC meeting/event schedule:

Tuesday January 17, 2017 meeting at 8:00AM, Farmer's Breakfast 9:00AM

Tuesday March 21, 2017 – meeting at 7:00PM

Tuesday May 16, 2017 – meeting at 7:00PM

Tuesday July 18, 2017 – meeting at 7:00PM

Tuesday September 19, 2017 – meeting at 7:00PM

Tuesday November 21, 2017 – meeting at 7:00PM

Tuesday January 16, 2018 – meeting 8:00AM, breakfast 9:00AM

6. Adjournment

Motion: C. Jones

Second: S. Lacy

In favor: All