

**HALFMOON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING-MINUTES  
APRIL 6, 2016**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ron Hoover called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Other members present were Joe Tylka, Lorin Nauman, Ms. Bracken-Piper, Ms. Corso, Ms. Hartle and Jim Smith. Staff present was Amy Smith, OSPB Administrator, and Rebekah Laird, Recording Secretary. Audience present was Sarah Walters, senior planner for Centre County Planning Community and Development Office.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. MINUTES**

- *MOTION: Mr. Tylka moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016; Mr. Nauman seconded; Vote 7-0-0; Motion carried.*

**4. MODEL FORECAST & PERMANENT PURCHASE DISCUSSION**

Mr. Tylka presented the financial forecast model to the board for finances along with different scenarios for the financial future of the program:

- 1<sup>st</sup> scenario: if program took in no more land and everything stays as it is
- 2<sup>nd</sup> scenario: if program took in maximum amount of acres at 2240
- 3<sup>rd</sup> scenario: if program purchased development rights without Centre County match money with the assumption they would buy 90 acres every four years
- 4<sup>th</sup> scenario: if program purchased development rights with Centre County match money with the assumption they would purchase 180 acres every four years.

Mr. Tylka stated that either purchase options would work just one would take longer than the other and that all of the numbers are based on assumptions. There was brief discussion on timing of purchases and how the presentation of pulling properties for match money would look. Ms. Walters stated that this could all be continued to be discussed and to take any purchases they had in mind for now slowly.

There was brief discussions on figures as shown in models, types of acquisitions, availability of funds and options of proposals of purchases for Board of Supervisors. The OSPB agreed that further discussion would be put on hold until Ms. Walters was able to get back to them with next steps if they wanted to go through with partnership program for purchase of acreage.

Mr. Tylka and Mr. Hoover will attend the Centre County Preservation Board in June to determine whether the Board would consider working with the Township to permanently preserve lands within the Township.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Nauman inquired about what was in the ordinance about building houses on land that was preserved and its difference with work force housing. Ms. Smith stated that she would look at the ordinance and get back to him with an answer.

Ms. Smith stated that the next OSPB meeting would be held at the Brother's Pizza office and the 10% ordinance public hearing would be on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**6. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

There were no citizen's comments

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Tylka moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm; Mr. Nauman seconded; Vote 7-0-0; Motion carried.***