

**HALFMOON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ron Hoover called the meeting to order at 7:39pm. Other members present were Andy Merritt, Ben Pisoni and Christine Bracken-Piper. Staff present was Amy Smith, OSPB Administrator, Susan Steele, Manager and Rebekah Seymour, Recording Secretary. No audience was present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MINUTES

- ***MOTION: Mr. Pisoni moved to approve the minutes of July 17th, 2013 as submitted; Mr. Merritt seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion carried.***

4. REVIEW ACQUISITION LANGUAGE

Ms. Steele recommended, to expedite discussion that staff look over acquisition language and make recommendations for next meeting that the OSPB can review and discuss. Ms. Steele stated that the BOS would like the OSPB to look over specifically Section 163-15 Allocation of Funds and give their opinion as there was some confusion over wording.

The OSPB went into brief discussion on whether Section 163-15 (A)(1)(a) was meant to read “maximum base purchase price for development rights” instead of just “maximum base purchase price” as per Ms. Steele’s suggestion. This discussion led into a more lengthy discussion over inter-loaning of funds to make acquisitions and whether there should be a dollar amount kept per acre and how that dollar amount was to be formulated. The board members collectively agreed to move on to other issues in clause in hopes that perhaps further discussions would shed light on differences.

The OSPB engaged in brief discussion over Section 163-15 (A)(1)(b) and board members agreed the language was redundant and perhaps should be removed altogether to avoid any confusion.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Pisoni moved to recommend striking Section 163-15 (A)(1)(b) from the ordinance; Ms. Bracken-Piper seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion carried.***

The OSPB engaged in brief discussion over 163-15 (B)(1) and all agreed that having a date in the ordinance was unnecessary and perhaps should be removed as well so it could be put in the Program Guidelines.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Pisoni moved to recommend striking Section 163-15 (B)(1) from ordinance; Ms. Bracken-Piper seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion carried.***

The OSPB discussed Section 163-15 (B)(2) at length regarding raising the percentage amount from 25% to something higher or keeping at 25% percent. There was also discussion on increasing or decreasing the \$1,000,000 threshold as well as the 35% percent. Ms. Steele discussed fair market values, agricultural values and appraisals. The OSPB agreed that perhaps it was best to table this discussion until county language could be read on the topic to help guide the discussion better with a sample to best facilitate discussion through the rest of the Section.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

6. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

There were no citizen's comments.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Pisoni moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm; Mr. Merritt seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion carried.***