

**HALFMOON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD
REORGANIZATION MEETING-MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ron Hoover called the meeting to order at pm. Other members present were Joe Tylka, Christine Bracken-Piper, Lorin Nauman, Danelle Del Corso, Jim Smith and Patti Hartle. Staff present was Amy Smith, OSPB Administrator, Susan Steele, Township Manager and Rebekah Laird, Recording Secretary. No audience was present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

- *MOTION: Mr. Nauman moved to appoint Mr. Hoover as the Chair; Ms. Del Corso seconded; Mr. Hoover accepted; Mr. Nauman moved to close the nominations; Mr. Tylka seconded; Vote 7-0-0; Motion carried.*

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

- *MOTION: Ms. Del Corso moved to appoint Mr. Tylka as the Vice-Chair; Mr. Nauman seconded; Mr. Tylka accepted; Ms. Del Corso moved to close the nominations; Mr. Nauman seconded; Vote 7-0-0; Motion carried.*

5. RECORDING SECRETARY

- *MOTION: Mr. Nauman moved to appoint Ms. Laird as Recording Secretary; Mr. Tylka seconded; Vote 7-0-0; Motion carried.*

6. MEETING SCHEDULE

There was brief discussion about meeting date for July 5th being problematic due to its proximity to holiday, the board agreed to move the meeting date to August 2nd. There was some discussion about 5 year review committee and when it was and Ms. Smith stated it was scheduled to be on February 1st.

- *MOTION: Ms. Del Corso moved to approve the following meeting dates for the OSPB for 2017: April 5, August 2, September 6 and October 4; Mr. Nauman seconded; Vote 7-0-0; Motion carried.*

7. MINUTES

- *MOTION: Mr. Tylka moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 5th, 2016 as submitted; Ms. Hartle seconded; Vote 7-0-0; Motion carried.*

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Steele explained to board that there was a letter of commitment sent for the PACE program and that OSPB was no longer involved in process. Mr. Tylka asked if they wanted them involved to “market” to existing landowners in program about applying for opportunity. Ms. Steele answered the County sends out notices and applications to the landowners. Ms. Smith stated that for the moment the only one who has applied is Mr. Thomson and is ranked in the top 10 for consideration. Ms. Del Corso asked if they would get a report about who applied, their status or if they were accepted into the program. Ms. Steele answered that they could make a formal request to have access to the list. Mr. Hoover stated to the board that he had been chosen to serve on the Centre County Ag Land Preservation Board and should be able to help keep them informed.

There was brief discussion about standards properties had to meet to apply and be accepted for consideration into the PACE program. There was discussion about if the properties moved up in the rankings at all because the township was committing funds. Ms. Steele answered that because the township has committed to them funds they can only spend in the township that it would help move up properties in the ranking because the program does not want to lose the state funding money they have received. Mr. Tylka stated that they might want to reach out to other properties that could qualify for program and ask if they might want to consider applying. Ms. Steele stated that some of the properties only partial parts of them were eligible so they would need to look at the properties to determine which might be eligible. Ms. Smith stated that Ms. Walters had offered to rank the properties for them according to their standards to give a better idea. The board agreed to have staff reach out to Ms. Walters to see the properties ranked using the county standards.

9. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

There were no citizen’s comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Nauman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm; Ms. Del Corso seconded; Vote 7-0-0; Motion carried.***