

**HALFMOON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING-MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lorin Nauman called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Other members present were Christine Bracken-Piper, Patti Hartle, Reed Moyer, Jim Smith and Ron Hoover. Staff present was Denise Gembusia, Township Manager, Amy Smith, OSPB Administrator, and Rebekah Laird, Recording Secretary.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

There were no citizen's comments.

4. MINUTES

- *MOTION: Mr. Hoover moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 8th, 2020 as submitted; Ms. Hartle seconded; Vote 6-0-0; Motion carried.*

5. REVIEW LAND RATING/SCORING SYSTEMS

Mr. Nauman stated that he had some points for discussion to revise the land rating/scoring. Mr. Nauman first asked the OSPB if they felt there should a minimum amount of acres needed for consideration of permanent easement. The OSPB discussed minimum acres as well as ways to define development pressure to assist in ranking properties. Ms. Hartle suggested that the OSPB read through the current land rating for acquisitions to make suggestions on a new draft to review, to which the OSPB board agreed. Discussion on changes was made and were suggested as follows:

- 2a, 2b: remove reference to public accessibility and make a clarification for public access
- 2c: remove this criteria
- 3: suggestion is to remove this section in its entirety.
- 4: should remain as is, with the exception that the rating for funds from township only be a value of 0
- 5: should remain as is
- 6a: remove from rating
- 6b, 6c: revise wording for consistency and clarification, for 6c change to a value of 5
- 7: determine meaning of criteria and clean up language to be specific.

Ms. Hartle stated that her, Ms. Smith and Ms. Gembusia would take the suggestions and draft a new copy of the rating system for review at next meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Nauman asked the OSPB about looking into approaching the property owners of the land in the east end of the Township about preserving the land as open space. After brief

discussion about options the OSPB decided an informal letter would be sent to ascertain if the property owners would be interested in a permanent easement.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

- *MOTION: Ms Hartle moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm; Mr. Moyer seconded; Vote 6-0-0; Motion carried.*