

**HALFMOON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING-MINUTES
MAY 6, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lorin Nauman called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Other members present were Patti Hartle, Jim Smith, Reed Moyer (arrived late), Joe Tylka (arrived late) and Ron Hoover. Staff present was Denise Gembusia, Township Manager, Amy Smith, OSPB Administrator, and Rebekah Laird, Recording Secretary. Meeting was held over virtual platform GoTo Webinar due to COVID-19. Denise Gembusia was present at the Halfmoon Township Community Center for any public attendance. No citizens were present.

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 March 4th, 2020 as submitted; Ms. Hartle seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion carried.*

5. REVIEW OF THE LAND RATING SYSTEM FOR PERMANENT EASEMENTS/FEE SIMPLE

Mr. Nauman stated that the land rating system looked good as presented with the exception of a few changes that himself and Mr. Hoover suggested as listed below:

- In section 4, make breakdown of land acreage more spread out and with higher point values for larger parcels as follows:
 - Property size 300+ have a value of 20 points
 - Property size of 175 to 300 acres have a value of 15 points
 - Property size of 100 to 175 acres have a value of 11 points
 - Property size of 50 to 100 acres have a value of 7 points
 - Property size of 11 to 50 acres have a value of 4 points
- In section 5, instead of having subsections b-d list separate entities of other sources of funding to combine these categories to have only one subsection b that covers all other sources of funding that could be made in conjunction with township and cover the breakdown of funding in percentages in section 6
- In section six, subsection d, make the range of percentages for Halfmoon Township contributions cap at 99% instead of 90%.

Ms. Gembusia made changes to the document as they were being discussed and agreed upon during meeting, all changes listed above were agreed upon by OSPB members and revised in land rating document presented.

- ***MOTION:** Mr. Moyer moved to adopt the land rating system as submitted with discussed changes; Mr. Hoover seconded; Vote 6-0-0; Motion carried.*

There was brief discussion and it was questioned if the documents needed to go to Board of Supervisors for approval. Staff stated they would double check but they would make sure they put the revised land rating system on agenda for next Supervisor's meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Nauman asked about Board of Supervisors decision to table acceptance into program for Joanne Fisher property. Ms. Gembusia stated that she and Ms. Smith had Mr. Tylka run different financial scenarios on the forecast model for the Joanne Fisher property. Ms. Gembusia further stated that Township might be able to partner with county for a permanent easement and were waiting for a possible update by Friday to get a better view of their options on how best to move forward. The OSPB agreed that waiting to see if they could partner with the county for a permanent easement would be best option. Staff will keep OSPB updated on information as they receive it.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Nauman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm; Mr. Moyer seconded; Vote 6-0-0; Motion carried.***