

**HALFMOON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING-MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reed Moyer (present by Zoom) called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Other members present were Christine Bracken-Piper (present by Zoom), Lorin Nauman (present at the Community Center), Jim Smith (present at the Community Center), Joanne Fisher (present at the Community Center) and Patti Hartle (present at the Community Center). Staff present was Amy Smith, OSPB Administrator (present at the Community Center), Denise Gembusia, Township Manager (present at the Community Center) and Rebekah Laird, Recording Secretary (present at the Community Center). No audience was present.

Absent: Ron Hoover.

2. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

There were no citizen's comments.

3. FIVE YEAR REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Gembusia reviewed members of the five-year review committee as follows:

Board of Supervisor Member: Ron Servello

OSPB Member: Reed Moyer

Planning Commission Board Member: Marty Mehring

Citizen interested in the OSPP: Mark Hartle

Current OSPP Leaseholder: Christine Bracken-Piper

Centre Regional Planning Agency Member not assigned to Halfmoon: Mark Boeckel

Representatives of governmental agencies or non-profit organizations: Ryan Hamilton and/or Suzy Yettters

Person with financial expertise: Joe Viglione

Ms. Gembusia stated that if there was any other person(s) the board members would like to recommend, or they thought might be interested to let her know.

4. MINUTES

- ***MOTION: Mr. Nauman moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 8th, 2021, as submitted; Ms. Hartle seconded; Vote 6-0-0; Motion carried.***

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Fisher gave an update on where she was currently at in the process of having her property permanently preserved. Ms. Fisher stated that she had talked to Diana Griffith from the County and was told that they would not consider the property until a conservation plan was in place. Ms. Fisher commented that while the County would be willing to do this plan, they had a long waiting list and

could not complete this until later in the year. Ms. Fisher, upon recommendation from Diana Griffith, found someone in Huntingdon County who would do the plan and was able to arrange to have them come out next Wednesday. Ms. Fisher stated that representatives from Clearwater Conservancy would be coming to the property this Friday.

Mr. Moyer asked if there was a timeline to estimate when this permanent easement purchase would be completed. Ms. Hartle answered not at this time. Ms. Gembusia stated that they were in new territory and asked if they had any idea from their experience with the Thompson property. Ms. Smith stated that it did take some time and that it would depend on who took the lead on the purchase. Ms. Smith commented if the County took the lead, and a purchase price was provided to the Board of Supervisors, the board would need to provide a letter of commitment to the County. Ms. Smith stated that it is possible the purchase might not be complete/finalized until 2023.

Mr. Nauman questioned if staff had heard anything from Mr. Heim. Ms. Smith stated the properties have been sold but wasn't sure if the same buyer purchased both parcels or/and if each parcel was sold separately. Mr. Moyer suggested reaching out to the new owner(s) to see if they would be interested in a permanent purchase. Ms. Smith stated at this time staff did not know how best to contact the new owners but would investigate it.

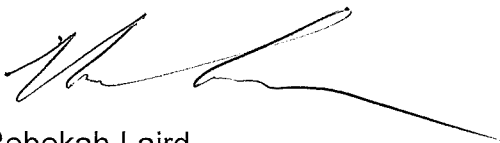
Mr. Moyer asked Ms. Gembusia how an agenda for the OSPB is put together and what he would need to do as chair to complete an agenda. Ms. Gembusia answered that Ms. Smith puts the agenda together and if there is an agenda item, he feels should be added to contact Ms. Smith. Mr. Moyer stated that he would do so and said that the option should be open to any OSPB member and to contact either Ms. Smith or himself if they had a topic they would like to be put on the agenda.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Nauman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m.; Mr. Smith seconded; Vote 6-0-0; Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,



Rebekah Laird,
OSPB Recording Secretary