

Richland Township Preservation Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2019

Submitted by Rich Sadler

Members Present

In attendance were Kathy Fedorocsko, Rich Sadler, Dale Henninger and Joe Geib. Staff member present was Rich Brittingham.

A. Minutes

November's minutes approved as corrected

Office	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by	Vote
President	Kathy Fedorocsko	Joe	Dale	Unanimous
V. President	Dale Henninger	Kathy	Joe	Unanimous
Secretary	Rich Sadler	Joe	Dale	Unanimous

B. **Financial Report:** After we settled the Herrmann property, our fund balance was \$292,990.

We have our last bond payment due at the end of 2018: the township will forward us \$42,000 to complete the Bonk Easement this year, to be paid back from tax collection in 2019.

Assuming the income from the tax & non-easement expenses remain the same thru 2023, we will have approximately \$1,800,000 to spend on preservation thru June 2023.

C. Property Reports, Active:

1. **South Mine Road, 36-05-26, Lichtenstein, Donated property; NO CHANGE.** The property has title problems and has a lien against it; it would cost the township \$3000-\$5000 to obtain a quiet title. The Preservation Board wrote a letter to the BOS in support of getting the title straightened out; the last correspondence with Paul Stepanoff, had him email us that he felt that the Preservation Board's idea of paying to clear the title with our available funding would be acceptable with the supervisors visions for the township. We will pursue this next year after we determine our costs associated with the Herrmann property. Kathy will write a letter outlining this to Mrs. Lichtenstein.
2. **Dolores Bonk, Meadow Rd., 36-29-78, 119 acres.** We settled on December 14th.

D. Property Reports: Pending Contact / Action:

1. **Swartley, Trumbauersville Road, 81 acres; NO CHANGE;** Kathy & Laura met with Mr. Swartley & gave him an Ag Security application. Laura will attempt to recontact him.
2. **Zavitsanos; NO CHANGE;** We'll try again for preservation after determining what funding we have available.
3. **Clymer, 225 Axe Handle Road, 55 acres;** they sent us an application for preservation.
4. **New properties;** Kathy presented a list of 11 potential properties for preservation. She'll send letters to the owners.

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- E. Baseline Monitoring:** The BOS approved signing a contract with Heritage for future monitoring. Landis & Burkey properties were monitored by Heritage & Neil; no problems on Landis, Burkey had some dumping. Neil reported problems with the Lisbon tract. 27, 29, & 31 Essex Court are encroaching on Lisbon. There is trash scattered, bushes cleared & 4-wheeler tracks, The County has been notified & hopefully will go after the offending parties. Since Sept, Thompson, Milner, Wukovitz, Berger, Coby and Mann were monitored by Taylor and Neil. We need contact address for Mr. Berger. Coby needs to move a manure pile to a 22 x 27 pad, which will be followed up with. Monitoring is now complete for this cycle. The next cycle will begin in 2019.
- F. Signs-** The BOS approved \$7200 for 12 additional signs to be installed in the Spring.
- G. Village signs-** Kathy got sample & estimates for 4 village signs, \$220 each for two sided signs. We chose the blue on white background sample.
- H. Rail trail; No Change;** The trail will be 12' wide (20' wide with shoulder). There are also plans for a walking trail circling Veteran's Park. Presently, there is a 38 acre private property blocking the extension of the trail thru the park.
- I. No Hunting Signs;** Tom Marino has posted Veteran's Park, we would like to do the same with the properties we bought for preservation.

Motion to Adjourn- Joe motioned, Dale seconded, unanimous approval.
Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 7:00 PM