MINUTES OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP LAND PRESERVATION EDUCATION AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE



March 13, 2025

The **March 13, 2025** meeting of Plumstead Township Land Preservation Education and Advisory Committee occurred at Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA. Chance Worthington called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. A moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chance Worthington, Gary Talbot, Kimberly Troup, Jim Stark were in attendance. Alison G. Kingsley of the EAC and Jen Moroney, a concerned citizen, were also in attendance.

Chance had a correction on the draft minutes since Brian Trymbiski is no longer a member of the committee and should be removed from the minutes.

Gary made a motion to accept the modified minutes and Kim Seconded the minutes. All approved

Kim presented a draft of the next Newsletter article. It was suggested by Gary that the map also include private lands such as HOA, County and Plumstead Township conservation easements. Since the article was greater than a half page, it was suggested that we turn the article into the office early.

Jim presented a revised Flow Chart to better inform the township and Board of Supervisor of an individuals interest in preserving their land. Kim made a motion to approve the revised flow charts and Gary Seconded the motion. All approved.

To simplify the process of requesting information, Jim presented a new form. It was felt that this form should be presented at the April 23, 2025 meeting.

Chance presented a follow up on the meeting with Kris Kern. Matt Babbit of the Heritage Conservancy has been assigned to be a contact for Plumstead Township. Their expertise in funding options, acting as a guide and an auditor to ensure compliance with conservation agreements, is a vital resource. This will be discussed at the April 23 2025 BOS meeting.

Harrison Road -1-Lykon Property Each member of the committee was requested to rate the Property. The scores were averaged and a score of 20.47 was agreed upon. Jim was directed to prepare the rationale for the valuations and prepare a report for the Board of Supervisors at the 4/23/2-25 meeting.

Board of Supervisors LPEAC present on 4-23-25. (43 Minutes) Draft outline for presentation. Likely will have 15 minutes. Format to BOS – Update (5-7 min); Requests of BOS (5 min); Q&A from BOS (3-5 min).

- i) Review LPEAC formation Resolution
- ii) Summarize efforts and accomplishments in past year
- iii) Summarize goals for the upcoming year
- iv) Requests to BOS
 - Finalize flowchart any other comments or changes needed. Discuss once property appraised.
 - Do they agree with LPEAC to continue assisting Property owner?
 - Email address for LPEAC?
 - May LPEAC have a more robust website page like Ag security, HAC and EAC? Who do we
 - Interface with? (topics: Purpose, Meeting schedule, Members, Current Agenda, Past Minutes,
 - Articles, other resources, application etc)
 - Introduce LPEAC having GIS access \$2k cost per SM and gives approved users access.

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- Documents (permits, zoning etc). See Resolution & Memo "Update open space plan". Secure the database field names and read only access to allow structured inquiries and access searching into the GIS database.
- Ask if BOS wants the Land Preservation Application form updated. Preservation packet?
- Signs on preserved properties? (some owners have asked for no sign)
- Heritage Conservancy Expand their existing role to provide funding and other expertise.
- Histand on Dillon Rd Lykon Harrison Road Do not get deep into this.
- Develop 2 or 3 funding sources.
- Prospect for two additional properties for preservation possibilities.
- Audit preserved properties to ensure signage exists and is visible to the public.
- Develop a list of Preserved Properties.

Kimberly Troup made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Gary Talbot seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Our next public meeting will be **Thursday April 10, 2025** at 7:00 pm.