

MINUTES OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP  
LAND PRESERVATION EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
May 14, 2026



The May 14, 2026 meeting of Plumstead Township Land Preservation Education Advisory Committee occurred at Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA. Chance Worthington called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance followed a moment of silence.

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chance Worthington, Michael May, Liz Patrick, Kimberly Troup, Thomas Alvare and Jim Stark were in attendance. Ken Lichtenstein Township Supervisor, and Kelly McGowen, video recorder for “Plumstead Unfiltered (Facebook Live stream)” were also in attendance.

April 9, 2026 minutes were reviewed. A few typographical errors were noted by Liz Patrick. Kimberly made a motion to accept the corrected minutes, and Michael May seconded the motion. All approved.

Old Business

**Criteria evaluation form.** The Board of Supervisors and Stacey would like some changes made to the evaluation form. The Board of Supervisors feels that the environmental section is adequately covered by zoning and therefore should not be a part of the form. Stacey requested uniformity of font and changes in spacing. Chance suggested that there may be circumstances where zoning may not be adequate to protect special trees, unique ecology and wildlife. Chance recommended adding “and not sufficiently protected by zoning” to the second line of this section. Michael May suggested removing “watershed, wetlands, steep slopes etc.” from the third line in this section and changing the 2<sup>nd</sup> line from the bottom of the form from “willing to sell” to “willing to consider”. This form indicates the quality of the property for consideration for preservation and there should be a separate item showing the quantity of land. Jim made the motion to make the above changes to the form and Liz Patrick seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chance stated that zoning regulations can be changed but easements are more permanent. Chance reported that Histan Property is moving forward.

**REEVALUATION OF 6496 Blueberry Lane:** The narrative written by Michael May was read by Chance and was felt to be excellent by the committee. The scoring form was adjusted to show 12 acres as land and the unique qualities of the land were given a score of 71 points out of 100 possible. Michael May made a motion to recommend Blueberry Lane as a candidate for preservation to the Board of Supervisors and Tom Alvare seconded the motion. The committee voted to preserve 6 to 0.

**Discussion on 7249 Tohickon Hill Road, Pipersville PA** will be deferred until Gary Talbot completes a narrative on the property. Michael May reminded the committee that county funding might be available for preserving property adjacent to existing preserved lands.

**Land preservation application:** The committee recommends that there be two forms.

1. A general interest request for information,
2. A detailed application with additional questions that were recommended by Gary Talbot integrated into the current township application. Jim is to clean up the questions for presentation to Stacey for inclusion in the township application.

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With regards to the tax deduction available to landowners, the committee recommends having the landowner contact the township auditors or an appropriate CPA to discuss the particulars since the committee does not have expertise in this area.

In the future the committee should consider a fast track procedure for landowners who want to donate land for the tax credit so long as the land is developable and is 10 acres or more.

**Preserved Property Signage:** Chance suggested that the committee should review the list of preserved properties, determine what properties do not currently have signs and work with Stacey to contact the landowner to see if they would want a Preserved Property Sign.

**Connecting with Neighboring communities:** Chance reported that Stacey would like the Committee to reach out to Bedminster, Solebury and Buckingham land preservation committees to gather ideas and best practices for land preservation.

**Future farmers connecting with current farmers.** Jim Stark contacted Dr. Broc Sandelin of Del Val University to discuss options available. The committee thought it would be well for Jim Stark to invite Dr Sandelin to our next meeting to get a better handle on what this could be and how it might work.

**10 Acre Parcels adjacent to preserved land.** Stacey has made an email request to Jeremy Stoff at Bucks County Planning Commission requesting a list of 10-acre parcels adjacent to preserved land. These parcels could be eligible for county funding.

Chance requested Stacey to contact Bryn Erin Kerr (Director of Bucks County Agricultural Preservation) to find out if there are any Plumstead farms that are currently on the county's list for preservation. If there are, there may be ways to improve the possibility for preservation.

**Preserved Property Map** This map of preserved property will be a living document that will have changes as more land is preserved. The committee felt that this should be a document on display for the community as a display board either in a protected spot outside or within the Public Meeting room. The exact location of the map to be determined by Chance and Stacey or the Board of Supervisors.

#### **Public Comments**

Liz Patrick brought forward a problem with the preserved lands of Kingdom Provision and Shull farm. Incorrect composting procedures on these preserved lands are causing a problem with the neighbors and local watersheds. Chance suggested that Liz contact Stacey to discuss the options and methods to resolve the problem.

At 8:40 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Chance Worthington and seconded by Liz Patrick and was unanimously approved.

Next Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday June 11, 2026** at the township building.