

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING, February 15, 2024**

**Present:** Edric Mason, Elaine Crooks, Phil Johnson, Sally Drayer, Joe Tartaglia, Kurt Leasure

**Also Present:** Jean Weiss LPC Administrator, Kevin Morrissey, Supervisor Liaison via zoom

**Absent:** Chris Howard

The Meeting was called to order by Elaine Crooks at 6:00 pm

**Election of Chair:**

**Upon a Motion made by Edric Mason, Seconded by Sally Drayer, Elaine Crooks was appointed Chair for 2024.**

**Election of Vice-Chair:**

**Upon a Motion made by Sally Drayer, seconded by Edric Mason, Kurt Leasure was appointed as Vice-Chair for 2024.**

**Minutes:**

**Upon a Motion made by Edric Mason, seconded by Phil Johnson the Solebury Township Land Preservation Committee approved the December 21, 2023 meeting minutes.**

**Public Relations/Sub-Committee**

Sally Drayer stated the next messenger article is due in April for the spring addition.

Elaine Crooks spoke about prior conversations around have another forum, for educational purposes with local realtors, new owners of preserved properties and property owners looking to preserve.

Elaine Crooks asked how notification of the event would be sent out.

It was suggested that it could be posted on the Township Website, facebook page, twitter etc. including a letter to each of the local realtor offices.

Elaine Crooks and Kurt Leasure to work on this project for the fall.  
Phil Johnson also suggested working with the landowners and farmers to help keep the property in agricultural use.

Phil Johnson agreed to attend a Farm Committee meeting to discuss the concept.

Edric Mason asked if the farmers farming preserved property, are they receiving any compensation.

Phil Johnson commented on Act 319 tax advantage through the county.

Elain Crooks encouraged the members of the committee to look up the requirements and advantages of Act 319 tax advantage.

The Committee continued to discuss the Act 319 requirements.

## **Comprehensive Plan Committee Update**

Elaine Crooks gave a brief update on the comprehensive plan initiative.

Elaine Crooks gave a brief background of the Comprehensive Plan, the guidelines for updating and timeline when it is expected to be updated.

Elaine Crooks gave a brief overview of the Bucks County "County Wide" survey, in preparation of the County Wide Comprehensive Plan Update.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Confidential Property Reviews:**

The LPC Committee members provided updates on properties in process and outreach properties currently being worked on.

## **Other Business:**

Jean Weiss explained the Board of Supervisors agreed to the revised/restated conservation easement on the Muller Property a.k.a. Fell Easement (2285 Aquetong Rd, TMP #41-022-173), with the condition the Muller's will post an escrow to cover all expenses incurred. The Muller's are expected to submit a professional services agreement along with required escrow next week.

## **Adjournment:**

**Upon a motion by Phil Johnson, seconded by Sally Drayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Weiss  
Land Preservation Administrator