

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES OF
May 21, 2020**

PRESENT: Phil Johnson, Edric Mason, Ralph O'Banion, Kay McBride, Sally Drayer, Irene Biel, Jim Villere, Jr., Elaine Crooks, Joel Weiner

ALSO PRESENT: Jean Weiss LPC Administrator, Robert McEwan, Supervisor Liaison

ABSENT:

The Meeting was called to order by Edric Mason at 6:00 pm

Edric Mason stated the meeting by reading the Zoom Meeting protocol provided by the Township Solicitor.

MINUTES:

Upon a Motion made by Irene Biel, seconded by Kay McBride the Solebury Township Land Preservation Committee agreed to approve the February 20, 2020 meeting minutes. Ralph O'Banion and Joel Weiner abstained, as they were not in attendance at the February 20, 2020 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Property #160 (Greenhill Rd) – Update

Jean Weiss stated at the last Land Preservation Committee meeting a recommendation was made to the Board of Supervisors for property #160 to be included in to the preservation program. The Board of Supervisors approved the recommendation.

Property #161 (Pidcock Creek Rd) – Update

Jean Weiss stated at the last Land Preservation Committee meeting a recommendation was made to the Board of Supervisors for property #161 to be included in to the preservation program. The Board of Supervisors approved the recommendation.

Property #157 (Comfort Rd) Solomon Property– Update

Jean Weiss stated the recommendation of offer made by the Land Preservation Committee was approved by the Board of Supervisors and the offer was made to Mr. Solomon and accepted. The offer was announced at the Board of Supervisors meeting followed by a two-week public comment period. There were no public comments received, the Board approved the resolution and authorization to prepare the agreement of sale.

Property #156 (Comfort Rd) Manoff Property– Update

Jean Weiss stated the Board of Supervisors denied the counter offer of 100% \$16,000/Acre total \$555,568 for a conservation easement on the Manoff property

#156. The Solebury Township Board of Supervisors reaffirmed their original offer of 90% 14,400/acre \$500,000 which was accepted by the Manoff's. The offer was announced at the Board of Supervisors meeting followed by a two-week public comment period. There were no public comments received, the Board approved the resolution and authorization to prepare the agreement of sale.

The Manoff's have contracted with Cowan & Associates to prepare the conservation easement plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report to the Board of Supervisors

Edric Mason stated he had given a report to the Board of Supervisors at the May 19th Board meeting. The (4) items discussed were related to the impact that the Covid-19 pandemic has had on actively moving forward with preserving properties. The Board was made aware that four of the properties currently going through the process are expected to close by the end of the year, the Board confirmed that those funds will be available.

The Board has been made aware that any prospective properties will not be pursued until conditions have improved. However, if any property owners reach out to discuss the preservation process, as long as the committee representative has no objection they can pursue moving forward using the proper safe distancing.

LPC Training

Training will be on Thursday's at 6:00 p.m. held through zoom so they can be recorded for future use with any new members.

Conservancy/Easement Holder

The committee need to make a determination on which conservancy will hold easements moving forward. It was determined that each of the conservancies would be invited to attend an LPC meeting to give a 15-minute presentation. The committee would like to put this off until meetings return back to in person.

Duce Property (6327 Greenhill Rd)

Jean Weiss announced that Mr. Duce has passed away and the property is under an agreement of sale. Dave Johnson and I will be conducting a compliance inspection on 5/27 at 9:00 a.m.

CONFIDENTIAL PROPERTY REVIEWS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion by Phil Johnson, seconded by Kay McBride, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Weiss, Land Preservation Administrator

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