

**WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
LAND PRESERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2019**

**ATTENDING**

**LP&S COMMITTEE:**

John Braxton  
Lyle Frederick  
Bob Portnoy  
Karen Sklenar

**TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES:**

Justin Yaich, Township Manager

**GUESTS:**

John Goodall, Brandywine Conservancy  
Rob Daniels, Brandywine Conservancy

Bob Portnoy, Vice Chair, called the public meeting to order at 6:30 PM in Meg Kramer's absence. He announced that future committee meetings will be held the first Monday of each month.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES**

Draft minutes prepared for the December 4, 2018 meeting were approved.

**SUMMARY OF EASEMENTS TO DATE:**

Justin Yaich summarized the status of recent easements in the township. One easement has settled, another is near settlement, and a third property has settled but not yet requested funding from West Bradford Township. That property, tax parcel #50-7-1, is a 37.98-acre parcel located in West Bradford Township.

John Goodall provided an update on additional, ongoing efforts related to land conservation in the township.

**REVIEW OF CONSERVATION CONVERSATION EVENT ON JANUARY 8TH:**

Committee members agreed that the January 8<sup>th</sup> event was successful, informative, and well-received. Thank-you notes have been sent to the speakers and to the event's host (Temenos Center). Lyle Frederick and Karen Sklenar agreed to begin planning a second event to take place this summer.

**FOLLOW-UP ON BUDGET REPORTS:**

Justin Yaich provided committee members with an update on West Bradford township budget reports and easement spending to date.

**COMPLETING CRITERIA FOR PROPERTY EASEMENTS ON FILE:**

John Goodall will work with Jack Stefferud at Natural Lands Trust to complete the criteria checklist document recently created by the committee for property easements already on file.

**FOLLOW-UP ON NOVEMBER 2018 READY FOR 100 PRESENTATION:**

Committee members discussed the Ready-for-100 presentation given at the township building in November and how to proceed. Bob Portnoy advocated for the township to create a new Sustainability Committee, but there were varying views by other committee members. The decision was made to delay action until more committee members are present. Members agreed that Justin Yaich should follow up with East Bradford township to see if a representative from East Bradford can attend the next committee meeting and share how East Bradford is proceeding.

**PROCEDURAL DOCUMENT AND PLAN FOR THE LAND PRESERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE:**

Rob Daniels gave a brief presentation on the process for developing a plan. Land parcels in the township will be ranked based on agricultural and natural resource priorities. The ranking process will also include an historical component because preserving West Bradford's rich history is important to township residents. The plan will be prepared according to a schedule that will allow it to be an addendum to the comprehensive plan that the township is currently preparing. Rob Daniels will attend committee meetings, when appropriate, and the committee support the plan's development. Committee members voted unanimously to proceed with the plan and this approach to the plan's development.

**POTENTIAL TRAILS IN WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP:**

Justin Yaich should have more news by the next committee meeting about the feasibility of developing a Sawmill Road trail. Rob Daniels gave an update on the Brandywine Conservancy's efforts to study the feasibility of developing a Brandywine Creek water trail.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

The next regular Committee meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Justin Yaich offered use of the larger meeting room for subsequent committee meetings. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Sklenar  
Secretary