WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP LAND PRESERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 7, 2021

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES:

Laurie Abele, Township Supervisor

Scott Andress, Stormwater & Special Projects

ATTENDING

LP&S COMMITTEE:

Bob Portnoy, Acting Chair John Braxton, Secretary Lyle Frederick

Marsha Hodge

Ed Roworth

Karen Sklenar

Cheryl Wanko

Bob Portnoy, Committee Chair, called the public meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Merva thanked the group for meeting on Zoom. Laurie Abele mentioned no Zoom available in the Fire Hall where in person meetings are currently being conducted. Fenimore Farm is up for Public Auction; the Township is aware of the status and watching situation.

MINUTES:

Draft minutes prepared for the May 3, 2021 meeting prepared by Karen Sklenar, Acting Secretary, were approved.

OPEN SPACE WORKING GROUP UPDATE:

The Open Space WG discussed potential outreach methods concerning open space conservation; promoting West Bradford Day; and Tree City USA program and what this entails for designation. In addition, discussion took place around the many certifications a township might pursue and how to choose priority projects and the cost / benefit analysis. Looking for bottom - up guidance.

Bob read a statement from the township in reference to the Fenimore Farm which will be up for Public Auction.

SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP UPDATE:

The Sustainability WG discussed resident outreach around such subjects as the soon-to-be completed Pollinator Gardens; stormwater conservation methods; coordinating with a township staff member as liaison; public education programs; promotion of native species varieties.

READY FOR 100 WORKING GROUP UPDATE:

The Ready for 100 WG discussed the recently approved Ready for 100 township resolution and asked 'How do we spur action?' The Committee approved joining the free DEP program to help with the action plan for energy transition. This program assigns an intern to work with the township. Goal of creating a plan efficiently, inexpensively, promptly. Also inquired about township staff liaison.

UPDATE ON OTHER WBT COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

A quick discussion of how best to get involved with other township committee meetings and potentially create some sort of 'cross-pollination' of ideas. This subject will continue to be discussed.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

The July 5th meeting is cancelled due to the Independence Day holiday. The next regular committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Braxton

Secretary