

Land Preservation Committee Minutes

August 28, 2023

Members Present: Luke Sorensen, Chair, John Cole, Daniel Ullman, , Anita Nolan Cindi Gasparre. Absent: Mary Pucci, John Quinby

- The meeting was **called to order at 7:33 PM.**
- **Minutes** submitted by Cindi Gasparre from the July 24, 2023 were approved.

Announcements:

- **New Member Introduction - Anita Nolan**
- Anita gave us some background on herself. She has lived in Tinicum for almost 6 years after living in Buckingham for years. She saw firsthand how important land conservation was for Buckingham as development spread in the area. She moved to Tinicum because of the open space and conservation of farmland and natural resources.

Following Anita's introduction we skipped ahead on the agenda to **New Business** to "Onboarding of LPC procedure/general discussion for new member benefit." Luke Sorensen reviewed the LPC's function, funding sources, and procedures for outreach, most of which is explained in the LPC Handbook. John Cole gave us some history on the LPC in Tinicum.

There was discussion of the scoring card for evaluating potential easement properties. Dan Ullman suggested that we review the scoring card and come up with an action plan for possible changes. Anita Nolan suggested that we look at other municipalities scoring cards to see how our card compares. Any potential changes will have to go before the BOS for approval.

Old Business

- Dan Ullman picked up the brochures that Neal Carson printed for the township at cost (approx. \$230). (100) trifold brochures that fit in standard business envelopes were printed for follow-up mailings. (50) 8.5"x11" pamphlets were printed for visits to potential easement property owners. Luke Sorensen did an excellent job taking pictures, designing and laying out the new brochures - kudos to Luke!!
 - Cindi Gasparre suggested as a follow-up to our outreach letters, before sending the brochures, that we should consider reaching out to the property owners to invite them to Tinicum Conservancy's Community Event on September 23, 2023. It will give property owners a chance to learn more about the Conservancy, and meet community members while giving the LPC an opportunity to meet property owners face to face in a social setting. Luke is going to follow up with Jim Engel to find out if property owners from the data base have been invited to the event and how the Conservancy feels about us reaching out to them with an invite/reminder.
- **Executive Session** was opened at **8:50 pm** for the purpose of discussing properties currently under negotiation for obtaining conservation easements.

- **The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM.**

Minutes submitted by Cindi Gasparre, Secretary.