

## Land Preservation Committee Minutes

November 27, 2023

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

- The meeting was **called to order at 7:34 PM.**

- **Minutes** submitted by Cindi Gasparre from the August 28, 2023 were approved.

### Announcements

**Highlands Act Grant** Luke did a great job explaining the grant process! Tinicum Conservancy and the LPC (Luke) wrote the application for the Boden property. It was then passed on to DCNR. DCNR submits the application for the Federal grant - deadline November 30, 2023. DCNR receives the funds and passes them on to the property owner after a "Yellow book" appraisal has been done. The grant pays 50% of the appraised value. Grants are awarded January 2024. For more info on the grant:

<https://www.fws.gov/program/highlands-conservation-act-grant>

### Old Business

- **Executive Session** was opened at **8:05 pm** for the purpose of discussing properties currently under negotiation for obtaining conservation easements. Executive session ended at **8:50 pm.**

### New business

#### - **BOS LPC Year-end Report**

- Luke has taken notes for a year-end report to submit to the BOS, a couple highlights:  
- The LPC has made direct contact and/or site visits to 450 acres of potential conserved land.  
- A new brochure for follow up contact was designed by Luke (100) trifold brochures were printed.

#### - **Goal Setting for 2024**

- Dan suggested we stay on top of grant opportunities. He is working with Martie Kyde on behalf of the township and will keep us informed of new opportunities.  
- Dan reiterated that we should review the scoring card and come up with an action plan for possible changes.  
- Cindi suggested a field trip around the township to identify and familiarize ourselves with potential properties for conservation.

#### **Committee appointments for 2024**

- Luke told us that Mary Pucci has indicated that she will be stepping down. He will confirm with Mary. John Cole will be stepping down to begin his term as Township Supervisor. Thank you to both Mary and John for your dedication and hard work!!!  
- Luke would like to consider Pete and Jane Linley, however, it is possible that only full time residents are allowed to be on a township committee.  
- Cindi suggested that we look to residents that know the lay of the land, possibly Tinicum Conservancy members or Conservancy property monitors.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.**

**Minutes submitted by Cindi Gasparre, Secretary.**