

Tinicum Township Land Preservation Committee Minutes
Monday, June 22, 2026 7:30 pm (page 1)

Call to Order: 7:34 pm

ROLE CALL Luke Sorensen x Dan Ullman x Cindi Gasparre x

Public attendance: Craig DeGroot

Approval of the minutes of April 27, 2026 Dan Ullman made a motion to approve, Luke Sorensen seconded

Old Business:

1. Update on recruiting new members to committee Craig DeGroot present and considering submitting an application to join the LPC.

2. Discussion continued regarding the documents that should be included on a new LPC page on the township website. LPC would like to have a dedicated page for the LPC on the Township website by the end of 2026 to include:

A. Tinicum Twp Board of Supervisors Resolution "County Certification 11/20/02"

B. Tinicum Twp Ordinance 154 open space referendum

C. Tinicum Twp Board of Supervisors "Resolution of Board 11/19/02-3"

D. PA State "Act 18, Section 304 c, 1995. Preserving land for open spaces"

E. Application

1. Luke pointed out the redundancy of the (2) township applications. Further discussion at next LPC meeting to streamline to one application that does not specify whether the applicant is fully donating or seeking Open Space funds.

2. Currently the Township website has the County Ag Easement Application - Luke suggested the Ag application be referenced only, as the application could be updated by the County unbeknownst to the Township.

F. Process document

G. Tinicum Township Open Space Brochure

H. 2010 Open Space and Multi-Resource Conservation Plan

I. Map from Tinicum Conservancy that shows conserved properties and prioritized properties to be conserved.

J. Letter from Tinicum Conservancy Executive Director

New Business:

1. Discussion of items to include on meeting agenda with Tinicum Conservancy:

A. Dan will reach out to Eric Anderson for a meeting on **September 9, 2026**, to include the Tinicum Conservancy Land Preservation Committee chaired by Mark Manchester.

B. Review TC database. Luke suggested that properties are identified by address and Tax Map number instead of property owners (who change from time to time).

C. Request heads up on potential properties that the TC is pursuing at the onset.

D. Dan will reach out to John Clement to narrow down areas of interest on MLS search via zip codes

E. Discuss potential easements that require LPC assistance.

F. Ask TC how much money they have to use towards easements.

2. LPC reviewed the new map provided by the TC showing preserved and prioritized properties.

3. Luke reviewed the current parameters for Highlands Grants found on the Federal Fish & Wildlife website, lwfccoalition.org/highlands. In the past the application was more specific to water quality, headwaters, woodlands, high scores on GIS maps, etc.. It now is much simpler and scores for "High Conservation Value" and "Presidential Priorities". Luke believes it may be easier for properties to apply for the Grant. Application deadline is October and grants are awarded the following January.

4. LPC discussed the materials that should be given to new LPC members. Dan will ask Judith Danko if there are any books still available. Cindi and Dan will review the "book" provided to them as new members and have documents ready to copy to be put in a book for new members by September 2026.

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5. The LPC discussed the Open Space bank accounts / funding that are available for Easement conversions. The LPC would like the Township (Manager, Solicitor & BOS) to verify the following for clarification at a public meeting:

- A.** (4) accounts are identified as Open Space accounts in the Township Budget documents, totaling close to \$3.5 million.
- B.** How much interest are the accounts accruing?
- C.** Funding resources are shown as an Earned Income Tax @ 0.025% and an additional 2 mill increase in Real Estate Tax on Tinicum Twp Ordinance 154 Open Space Referendum.
- D.** What is the remaining balance on the original \$5 million Bond? And how much time is remaining to pay it off?

Executive Session 8:50 pm - 9:15 pm

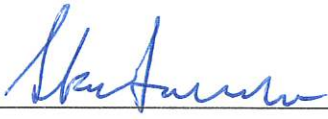
ADJOURNMENT

Cindi made a motion and Dan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm

The next LPC meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2026 @ 7:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Cindi Gasparre, Secretary, June 24, 2026.

Minutes approved by LPC and submitted to Township 27 JULY, 2026.



Co-Chair.



Secretary