

## **London Grove Township Open Space Committee**

### **Meeting Notes: Feb. 4, 2019**

Attending:     *Members* – Seth Bradford, Paddy Neilson, Tina Skinner, Lew Wilkinson  
                     *Guest* – Brian Lee  
                     *Staff* – David Sweet

#### **1.     Misc. old/new business.**

- a.   Open Space Fund. Balance as of Feb. 1 was \$3,054,610.
- b.   Committee membership. The Committee's recommendation that Brian Lee be appointed to fill a vacant seat is to be acted on at the Feb. 6 Board of Supervisors meeting.
- c.   Newsletter. The spring newsletter deadline is Feb. 18. Tina will look into creating an article around the amount of permanently protected land in the Township, within the context of recent open space milestones at the County level. This may be deferred to the summer issue.
- d.   Map. The Township has created a Restricted Ownership Map which shows, among other categories, land under conservation easement and in public ownership. The current version was reviewed by the members; copies of the final version will be made available.

#### **2.   Status of individual properties.**

- a.     Sheppard. The County Ag Lands Preservation Board has been asked to obtain a new appraisal of the easement value. The Committee will participate in the Feb. 28 meeting of the Board of Supervisors with the Township's boards and commissions, and will seek clarification on the level of financial commitment the Board would support. County grant programs will not be pursued at this point. Brandywine Conservancy is prepared to write and hold an easement.
- b.     Brosius. Negotiations continue with Pa. DEP regarding the proposed stream crossing permit; completion of that construction needs to precede completion of the easement.
- c.     Yarmouth Stables. Seth is working to establish contact with the property owner.
- d.     Poliski and Hoilman. Lew will approach each when the timing is appropriate.
- e.     SECCRA. The project to create a constructed wetland at the Speakman property is underway; its completion is a prerequisite to concluding negotiations with the Township for transfer of the property.
- f.     Birney. Tina remains in contact.
- g.     Crockett. The Committee is seeking a third party to establish contact with Mrs. Crockett.

Next meetings: Thurs., Feb. 28, 6 p.m. – Board of Supervisors  
                     Thurs., March 14, 7 p.m. – OSC regular meeting

