

West Rockhill Township
Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2016

Call to Order:

The September 15, 2016 Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the West Rockhill Township municipal building.

Elected Officials:

Supervisors:

Donald Duvall
*Jay Keyser
*James Miller

Appointed Officials:

Committee members:

Elizabeth (Betsy) Branson
*Vera Cole
David Collingwood
Karina Rilling
Michael Schrameyer

Township Manager:

Greg Lippincott

*Absent

Visitors Registered:

Pamela West

Conservation Committee Activity:

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the March 17, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Old Business:

1. Database Updates –The database will be updated by Michael Schrameyer as necessary. It is password protected; the conversation continued on how best to gain access by committee members and township officials. Perhaps via Google drive or Cloud would work. Greg will explore this. Judy Decker stores a copy of the current version on her official computer and can supply a copy as needed.

2. Logo- the newly designed Conservation Committee logos have been sent to Judy for use by the CC when appropriate i.e. on official correspondence. Nancy Schnabel, the graphic designer who created the beautiful design, informed the Committee that her charge is \$50 per hour totaling \$250.00 for the job.

An invoice will be sent to the Township.

3. Newsletter- Property scorecard- in the next newsletter, the CC will publish a Township map showing all preserved properties albeit without the owner's name. Instead, each property will list the conserved acreage. The Township engineer will be contacted to create this map.

The CC featured the Manderfield Preserve in the spring newsletter. The fall issue will contain an in depth article on the Sailer Preserve.

4. Conserved Property signs- The Lichty farm remains without a sign. Mark Lichty recommended that a sign be erected closer to County Line Road. David Collingwood and Greg Lippincott will mark the best place for the replacement.

5. The Committee was reminded of the central role the US government plays in land conservation. Congress passed the Conservation Easement Act of 2015. More than 2 million acres of land have been conserved since its enactment.

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

Next regularly scheduled meeting – Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7:00 PM