

UPPER MT. BETHEL TOWNSHIP

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OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017
MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Judith Henckel, chairperson. Other members present: Jason Albert, Kathleen Barnes, and Janet Pearson. Ellen Lott of Nature Conservancy was also in attendance.

II. MINUTES

Janet moved to approve the minutes of December 20, 2016; seconded by Kathleen. All aye, motion passed.

III. INTRODUCTION

Jason Albert, new Open Space Advisory Board member, was introduced. OSAB history, successes, challenges and policies and procedures were reviewed.

IV. REPORTS

Judy reported on:

- Board of Supervisors January 23rd workshop Liberty-Water Gap Trail quests presentation
- 2015 and 2016 UMBT farm status
- 2017 Township/County Program funding and financial report

V. PROJECT UPDATES

County Update

UMBT Ag Security Area: 4 farms entered into County Farmland Protection

Bocko & Poliskiewicz: These 2015 listed farms are coordinating with County to preserve these farms

UMBT Update

Transue: Closed on December 27, 2017

Ribitzki: Anticipate May/June 2017 project close

2010-3, 2010-5 Township EI Properties BOS Steps

- Determine if Board of Supervisors' restrictions were sent to NLT
- Sign agreement
- Work out draft conservation easement with Erin, NLT
- Confirm agreement and complete process to closing
- OSAB comment on BOS easement comments with memo and action agenda

VI. OFFICERS

Chairperson Judy Henckel

Vice Chairperson Janet Pearson

Secretary Kathleen Barnes

Janet motioned, Kathleen seconded. All aye, motion passed.

VII. ADJOURN 8:57 pm Kathleen motioned, Jason seconded.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

- *Kathleen Barnes, Secretary*