

# UPPER MT. BETHEL TOWNSHIP

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## UPPER MT. BETHEL TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD TUESDAY, October 16, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Janet Pearson, Chairman. Members Present: Jason Albert, Elise Transue, and Terry Abramson. Several members of the Public were also in attendance.

New Member Laura Bocko was introduced.

Janet Pearson handed out an informational packet about the Open Space Advisory Board.

Janet Pearson would also like to amend the agenda to give the courtesy of the Floor to David Due.

### **II. MINUTES**

Elise Transue moved to approve the previous month's minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Abramson, voted on and approved.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

Janet Pearson went over an application example for Natural Areas.

Discussion was held about Conferences, there may be some locally through the Community College.

Budget was submitted to the Board of Supervisors, no action was taken yet.

Website update. Judith Henckel gave an informative discussion on the introduction to the Open Space Program, and the implementation plan. That should be included on the Website under the OSAB section. The processes for preservation should be public knowledge.

Fall Ballot Referendum. Be prepared to answer any questions if asked.

### **IV. COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

David Due was present representing the Greenwalk Property. He gave a brief presentation of what the non-profit group would like to see implemented. Including a trail from Portland to Lake Minsi. Farmland Preservation needs a minimum of 50 acres, the property is only 25 acres. More concerned about conserving the water above all. The Board suggested to Mr. Due to apply for an ASA, Agriculture Security Area, first and to revisit with Maria Bentzoni at the County.

### **V. EI STATUS**

The Appraisal not completed yet. This Board has to insist it is preserved legally through a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party. A discussion was held about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party. Examples were given such as the Nature Conservancy or an Independent non-profit organization.

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

No new Business

### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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Laura Bocko made a Motion , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Abramson to adjourn at 8:35 PM until next meeting  
November 21, 2017.

Respectively Submitted

*Jason M. Albert*

Secretary