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MEETING MINTUES

OCTOBER 22, 2007

Attendance:	Jim Rowan	Bill Cracas	Curt Grogan
	Suzanne Kaplan	Tom Williams	Melinda Mercurio
	Ann Orth	Sean O'Neill	Theresa Wood

1. Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of previous Board of Directors Meeting September 19, 2007 were reviewed and approved. In the absence of a permanent Secretary, Tom Williams agreed to take minutes from meeting.

2. Nomination of new WPLT Directors

Prospective Board members Curt Grogan and Theresa Wood were nominated by Suzanne Kaplan and approved unanimously by the Board. A further unanimous vote confirmed that Curt and Theresa would assume the officer titles of Vice President and Treasurer respectively, upon approval by the Board of Supervisors. Sean O'Neill would write a letter to the BOS seeking approval for new appointments and previously discussed term extensions during December BOS meeting. Tom Williams will continue as WPLT Secretary and record and publish Minutes of Board meetings and Ann Orth will become Corresponding Secretary, responsible for all other WPLT correspondence and filing.

3. WPLT Resolution recognizing Curt Grogan and Theresa Wood

Sean O'Neill submitted a Resolution (attached) recognizing Curt and Theresa for their efforts on the Open Space initiative. The resolution was unanimously passed, circulated for signature by WPLT Directors and presented to Curt and Theresa on behalf of WPLT with heartfelt thanks.

4. WPLT Financial Report

Jim Rowan presented the WPLT Financial Report as of November 15, 2007 (attached). Jim indicated that he would work closely with Theresa and NLT to update Financial Report and WPLT finances by the end of the year.

5. WPLT Resolution - Check signing privileges

Jim Rowan requested that with the current Officer changes that he and Theresa be given the authority to sign checks on behalf of WPLT. All checks in excess of \$500 would require two signatures. Bill Cracas motioned to approve and the motion passed unanimously. Jim and Theresa executed the bank paperwork and Tom Williams authorized as WPLT Secretary.

6. WPLT Communications Plan

Melinda Mercurio reviewed her discussion document for a proposed Communications Plan for WPLT dated 10/22/07. Melinda conceded that this was merely an outline and required substantial input from WPLT due to her limited involvement to date. It was agreed that Ann could provide Melinda with information required to complete pages 4 and 5, past accomplishments of WPLT, as a basis to discuss 2008 goals at the next meeting. Mike Shirk agreed to contact Melinda to provide input regarding the WPLT website prior to the next meeting. Suzanne requested that all Directors review the proposed plan in detail and be prepared to address goals, milestones and timelines at the November meeting as some critical communications i.e. Membership/Donor solicitations should be made in December.

4. Open Space Bond Referendum Committee

Curt Grogan reviewed the recent activities of the Open Space Bond Referendum Committee, including summary of Landowner meetings, recent mailings and review of community events to date. Teresa Wood reviewed WP Citizens for Open Space Committee Budget and confirmed they were on track with all deliverables and expenses to date. Curt again requested volunteers to assist with coverage at the polls on Election day and to place signs. The overall sentiment to date indicated that the referendum will likely pass easily next month. It was agreed that next month's agenda should include a summary of post election tasks to continue the momentum of the anticipated success. Curt reminded WPLT that NLT had proposed a Phase 2 service to provide post election services and he agreed to provide a copy for review at next month's meeting. Bill Cracas advised that the Township also had an arrangement with Brandywine that could also provide these services.

5. October Workshop

Ann Orth advised that the October 13 Workshop was postponed due to some scheduling conflicts. Eva Mondheim agreed to reschedule the event for March 2008, which would give everyone more time to prepare. The topic was trees and shrubs and her fee was \$500. Ann was going to review with Mike Groman to develop as an educational event for next year.

6. Land Trust Cooperative Activities

Ann advised that she had some contact with The French and Pickering Trust, but they seemed to be awaiting the outcome of the referendum. Ann circulated information about the Hale property at Worthington and Newcomin Road. This was a 7.5 acre parcel that included a 1799 residence that fit the WPLT criteria. The Hales were interested in donating an easement before year end. NLT was reluctant to get involved due to their workload, timing and the small size of the property, but Ann was going to follow up with Jack Stefferud to see if NLT could commit in the next couple of weeks and the Hales were amenable to a simple donated easement. Ann agreed to review with NLT and report back at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on **Monday, November 26, 2007 at 7:00 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas L. Williams
October 23, 2007