

# West Pikeland Land Trust

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**MEETING MINUTES**  
January 26, 2009

Attendance: Richard Bright (BOS appointee), Curt Grogan, Mike Groman, Suzanne Kaplan, Lisa Lacroix, Melinda Mercurio, Sean O'Neill, Jim Rowan, Teresa Wood, Ann Orth and Tom Williams

Absent: None

Guests: Ted Gacomis, Kim O'Rourke, Mead Rudasill and Tim Teetz

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## **1. Minutes of Meeting**

Minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting held on December 16, 2008 were reviewed. The Strategic Planning Committee section was updated. Tom Williams motioned to approve, Lisa Lacroix seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

## **2. Farewell to Departing Board Members**

Board expressed their thanks as Suzanne Kaplan and Sean O'Neill resigned their positions as Board members.

## **3. 2009 Officers, Committee Chairs and Board Member Candidates**

Curt Grogan was elected President, Mike Groman was elected Vice President, Teresa Wood was elected Treasurer, and Kim O'Rourke was elected Recording Secretary. Melinda Mercurio motioned to approve the elections and Lisa Lacroix seconded.

The following Committee Chairs were appointed for 2009:

Open Space — Ted Gacomis  
Trails — Lisa Lacroix  
Communication — Melinda Mercurio  
Monitoring and Stewardship — Tom Williams  
Development and Grants — Jim Rowan  
Education — Mike Groman  
Strategic Planning — Mead Rudasill  
Government and Compliance —  
General and Administrative —  
Volunteer Coordination — Kim O'Rourke

## **4. Financial Report and Development Campaign Update**

Teresa Wood provided a brief financial update. As of December 31, 2008, general fund balances totaled \$29,033

(operating account/petty cash - \$11,791 and CD - \$17,242), the restricted DCNR grant account totaled \$5,054, the Endowment CD (restricted) totaled \$16,418 and WPLT Fund with NLT totaled \$33,492. A review of FY 2008 financials will be presented at the February meeting and the 2009 budget will also be discussed. Teresa will have a better idea of the 2009 budget by next month's meeting.

Melinda reported the results for the 2008 Development Campaign produced only thirty-two (32) donors, down from last year's sixty-eight (68), a decline of 53%. Total funds collected were down 40% totaling \$3,555 as compared to \$5,895 the previous year, before anonymous matching contribution.

Jim reported 2008 yearend Open Space tax revenue collected was \$272,000, earning approximately \$1,600 in interest. Expenditures included \$4,700 paid to Berkheimer for tax collection and \$24,000 was spent for Open Space transactions.

#### **5. Proposed Resolution to Increase Board Membership**

A new Resolution to increase the WPLT Board from eleven (11) to thirteen (13) was reviewed and proposed. Tom Williams motioned to approve this Resolution and Lisa Lacroix seconded. The new Resolution will be submitted to the West Pikeland Board of Supervisors (BOS) for approval.

#### **6. Committee Reports**

**Open Space Advisory Subcommittee (Non-Landowner specific):**  
No report was given.

**Trails:** Lisa reported that the Trails Subcommittee reviewed goals for 2009. There will be a dedication for the Pickering Creek Trail Bridge upon its completion.

**Communication:** Melinda reported Website statistics for 2008.

**Monitoring and Stewardship:** No report was given.

**Development and Grants:** Ann reported that the William Penn Foundation grant request must be submitted by March 15, 2009.

Bill Richmond did not attend this meeting and will be placed on February's agenda.

**Education:** No report was given.

**Strategic Planning:** Melinda will do the quarterly reports.

**Governance and Compliance:** Jim reported the commingling of funds issue has been addressed and resolved.

**General and Administrative:** No report was given.

**7. Executive Committee Report on ACMEC Hindu Temple — C.U. Hearing Letter**

Richard Bright, as a member of the BOS recused himself from any discussion regarding this matter since it is currently under review by the BOS.

A letter drafted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for the WPLT stating its position on the ACMEC Hindu temple was reviewed. Teresa motioned to approve the letter, Tom seconded and it was a unanimous vote to send this letter as drafted to the BOS.

**8. Strategic Focus Items for 2009**

Mead, Melinda and Curt will get together to discuss strategic challenges for 2009 and report at the next meeting.

**9. 2009 Committee Budgets**

Teresa and Curt will get together before next meeting to identify what will be needed for 2009.

**10. Change Meeting Dates from Memorial Day and Christmas week**

Discussion deferred to February meeting.

Tersea motioned to close the meeting and Jim seconded.

**The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on February 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Township Building**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim O'Rourke  
February 3, 2009