

## **SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

January 15, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

Solebury Township Hall/Virtual - Hybrid Meeting

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Elaine Crooks, Chair (via Zoom); Kurt Leasure, Vice Chair; George Ashford; John DeSpirito; Sally Drayer; Phil Johnson; Joseph Tartaglia; John Francis, Supervisor Liaison; Terry Clemons, LPC Solicitor; and John Ives, Planning & Zoning Administrator were also in attendance.

**Absent:** N/A

**Public:** None.

#### **Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by Kurt Leasure at 6:00 PM.

#### **Election of Officers**

Kurt Leasure appointed Joe Tartaglia as the temporary Chair and Mr. Tartaglia accepted and asked for nominations for the Chair. Phil Johnson nominated Kurt Leasure and the nomination was seconded by John DeSpirito and the motion was unanimously approved. Sally Drayer was nominated as Vice Chair and the Committee unanimously approved. The Committee members thanked Elaine for her service as Chair.

#### **Approval of December 18, 2025 Minutes**

**Upon a Motion made by Sally Drayer, seconded by Joe Tartaglia, the Solebury Township Land Preservation Committee unanimously approved the December 18, 2025 meeting minutes.**

#### **Public Relations/Sub-Committee**

Sally Drayer updated the Committee about the upcoming Nakashima-Yarnall settlement. Ms. Drayer noted articles regarding the Nakashima-Yarnall and the Estate of David McShane settlements will be prepared for the next Township Newsletter and reviewed by the Public Relations Sub-Committee prior to submission. George Ashford noted that the local publication River Towns is interested in writing an article on the Nakashima property.

#### **Comprehensive Plan Committee Update**

Elaine Crooks noted that the next Comprehensive Plan meeting is going to focus on the Route 202 corridor.

## **Parks & Rec Open Space & Trails Comprehensive Plan Update**

No Update.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Elaine Crooks asked about signs and signposts and Mr. Ives updated the Committee that there is an existing inventory and that the Township public works department performs the installation. Mr. Ives will reach out to the latest properties that have been preserved to gauge the owner's interest in having a 'preserved' sign installed. The timeframe would be Spring 2026.

Phil Johnson spoke about reaching out and encouraging smaller property owners to preserve through donation. The Committee discussed the environmental and tax benefits of preservation, especially if these properties are adjacent to already preserved land. Terry Clemons noted that the Township commonly covers some of the soft costs for donations that include the appraisal, title insurance, deed recording, and settlement costs.

John DeSpirito brought up the topic of posting about preservation in a few targeted Facebook groups that are around Solebury and New Hope that may be a useful information source to get the word out about preserving smaller properties.

### **Confidential Property Reviews**

Committee members provided updates on properties in the process of acquisition and those being prepared for outreach efforts.

### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, John Ives