## WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPAL AND CHARITABLE CONSERVANCY TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue Oxford, NJ 07863

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF July 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Corey Tierney opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., read the Open Public Meeting Notice, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** 

Members Present: Jean Smolha

Todd Tersigni

Desiree Denker

Terry Urfer

Charles Fineran David Smith

Daniel Kubik Cindy Neumann Richard Ohl

Ingrid Gray

Members Absent: Timothy Bodine

**Staff Present:** 

Corey Tierney, Christina Roberts

**Guests:** 

Ken Metcalf, Bob McNinch, Candace Nattland, Hal Bromm, Michael Margulies,

Garreth Patterson

Minutes: The October 1, 2018 minutes were reviewed. Charles Fineran motioned, seconded by David Smith to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### REORGANIZATION and APPOINTMENTS

### **Appointments:**

Region 2 (Harmony Township): Desiree Denker

Region 3 (Hope Township): Terry Urfer

Region 5 (Independence Township): Cindy Neumann

#### Reappointments:

Warren County Agriculture Development Board Representative: Timothy Bodine Warren County Board of Recreation Commissioners Representative: Charles Fineran Board of Chosen Freeholders At-Large Representative: Todd Tersigni

Mr. Tierney had the new and reappointed members read and sign the Oath of Office.

#### **Election of Officers:**

Chairperson: Mr. Fineran motioned, seconded by Ms. Denker to elect Mr. Tersigni as Chairperson. Roll call was done and all members present approved unanimously. Motion carried.

Vice Chairperson: Mr. Tersigni motioned, seconded by Mr. Ohl to elect Mr. Fineran as Vice Chairperson. Roll call was done and all members present approved unanimously. Motion carried.

Second Vice Chairperson: Mr. Tersigni motioned, seconded by Mr. Fineran to elect Ms. Smolha as Second Vice Chairperson. All members present approved unanimously. Motion carried.

2019 Meeting Dates: The 2019 meeting dates were reviewed. Mr. Fineran motioned, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the 2019 meeting dates, as presented. Motion carried.

**2019 Newspapers:** Mr. Tierney suggested the Committee use the County's approved newspapers for announcements: The Star Ledger and the Daily Record. Mr. Fineran motioned, seconded by Mr. Smith to accept the suggested newspapers. Motion carried.

**Scenic Byway Committee Appointment:** Terry Urfer motioned, seconded by Mr. Smith to appoint Mr. Fineran as the MCCT liaison on the Scenic Byway Committee. Motion carried.

**Director's Comments:** Mr. Tierney gave an overview of the grant award process and noted that the Committee should review the evaluation criteria that was sent out with the applications. The Committee has \$500,000.00 in available funding to award this year and five applications were received, totaling approximately \$652,225.00. There were three historic preservation applications and two open space applications received this year. The Committee will prioritize projects based on public benefit and significance of the project.

# 2019 Applications

Ramsaysburg Homestead - Mr. Fineran motioned, seconded by Mr. Urfer that Ramsaysburg Homestead is eligible to proceed in the application process. Roll call was done and all members present approved unanimously. Motion carried.

<u>Shimer Mansion</u> - Mr. Fineran motioned, seconded by Mr. Ohl that Shimer Mansion is eligible to proceed in the application process. Roll call was done and all members present approved, with Ms. Gray abstaining. Motion carried.

<u>Van-Nest Hoff-Vannatta</u> - Mr. Fineran motioned, seconded by Ms. Neumann that Van-Nest Hoff-Vannatta is eligible to proceed in the application process. Roll call was done and all members present approved, with Ms. Denker abstaining. Motion carried.

<u>Alpha Parkland East Addition</u> - Mr. Tersigni requested a PDF copy of the appraisal be emailed out to committee members for review. Mr. Fineran motioned, seconded by Mr. Urfer that Alpha Parkland East Addition is eligible to proceed in the application process. Roll call was done and all members present approved unanimously. Motion carried.

<u>Yards Creek Preserve</u> - Mr. Urfer motioned, seconded by Mr. Fineran that Yards Creek Preserve is eligible to proceed in the application process. Roll call was done and all members present approved unanimously. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting/Site Visits**: The August meeting is canceled in lieu of site visits. Mr. Fineran motioned, seconded by Mr. Urfer to cancel the regularly scheduled August meeting in lieu of site visits on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2019, on which applicant presentations to the Committee will be provided.

<u>2018 Projects</u> - Ms. Gray requested a status update on the 2018 projects.

<u>Grant Funding Cap</u> - Mr. Ohl inquired if there was a cap on the amount of funding an applicant or project can apply for. Mr. Tierney explain that there currently is not a cap for either.

There being no further business, Mr. Urfer motioned, seconded by Mr. Ohl to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Christina Roberts Administrative Clerk

Respectfully Submitted.