

BETHLEHEM LAND TRUST BOARD MEETING
Minutes—May 14, 2014

Present: Lynn Baker, Mary Hawvermale, Doug Mahard, Beverly Mosch, Steve Sabatini, Carol Spier, Bob Ueberbacher;

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's report: The April 2014 minutes were approved (with the date for the Monarch Day corrected to June 7).

Treasurer's report: Bob circulated the completed tax return, which has been filed. All is in order, there were no surprises.

Old Business:

Earth Day Cleanup: The weather Saturday April 26th was miserable so turnout was not terrific, but some people did show up and others were already working on their own initiative.

Updated Strategic Plan: A motion was made and approved that the previously discussed and circulated revisions to our 3-year Strategic Plan be accepted.

Sherlock house: The lease is being renewed. The tenant is cleaning up the yard. Her son will replace the downed gutter over the kitchen and also some exterior door locks; he will invoice us for the materials.

New Business:

Loeb Easement: Mary brought the proposed document and map for an easement on the Loeb property on Carmel Hill Road North that would be held by the BLT. We were unclear about some terminology in the document and concerned about the lack of an envelope to exclude the existing and potential buildings and pool from the easement (because defending the inhabited portion of any property against future infringements would be problematic). Mary will talk to the Loeb's attorney about the envelope.

Additionally, the following motion was made and approved:

That the Loeb easement offer be reviewed by an attorney [for the BLT], clarification of terminology—especially as to the meaning of “preserve” and “protected”—be circulated, and that we [BLT Board] will hold a special meeting to resolve our actions as necessary.

N.B.: Subsequent to this Mary reports the Loeb's are amenable to incorporating a buildings envelope and will address our concerns when they return from a vacation; the special board meeting has not been needed to date.

Next steps for fulfilling strategic goals: We discussed the need for board members to take ownership of the tactics for community outreach:

- Bev will organize a small, social but informative event for key members of our community.
- Steve will work on school/student outreach; Lynn will assist in the fall. Dale Kurtz is the state coordinator for Eagle Scouts; Blair Albrecht, who lives on the Bethlehem/Woodbury line, is the local head.
- Mary is working with Gary Parmelee to explore and initiate an easement for his farm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 . . . all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Carol Spier