

**Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund
Minutes of Advisory Committee Meeting
June 24, 2021**

Present: Alan Avery, Terry O’Leary, Martin Flemming III, Lisa Hodgson, William Fox, and John Bacchione

Absent: David McKeon, Ron Dancer, Greg Myhre

Also present at the meeting were: Commissioner Virginia E. Haines, Mark Villinger (OCPD), Nicole Leaf (OCPD), Daniel Sindoni (OCPD), Thomas Thorsen (OCPD), Laura Benson (County Counsel), Geoffrey Lohmeyer (Parks)

1. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Mr. Avery called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes: A **MOTION** was made by Mr. O’Leary to approve the April 28, 2021 and May 26, 2021 minutes and seconded by Mrs. Hodgson. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Program Update - Closings:
#273 Hurricane Branch – Manchester Twp., 251.98 acres

The total of preserved acres under the Natural Lands Program is 26,265.3 acres.

5. Old Business:

As a follow-up to the last meeting, staff contacted applicants for property in Little Egg Harbor to confirm continued interest.

- #468 Paget, Little Egg Harbor Twp., 5.36 acres – Mr. Villinger informed the board that the property was no longer under review as the property is under contract with a private buyer.
- #474 Corliss , Little Egg Harbor Twp., 29.02 acres – Mr. Villinger informed the board that the owner is still interested so appraisals are underway

- #583 NE Mall Donation, Berkeley Twp., 40.00 acres – Mr. Villinger reminded the board that this application for a donation was moved to hold as it was contingent upon receiving proper land use approvals. The subdivision was approved in the last month but is yet to be filed. The contract buyer reached back out to staff to reactivate the application. Access is provided by a 25 ft. wide easement to Route 9. A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox to recommend accepting the Northeast Mall Donation to the Board of Commissioners and seconded by Terry O’Leary. All in favor, motion carried.

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6. New Business:

#596 Roosevelt City – Buday 2.91 acres. Mr. Villinger informed the Committee that the property is an inholding in Roosevelt City that would help with road vacations and managing the area. Appraisals are underway. The nomination was submitted as a result of outreach by planning staff.

#597 Victorian Development, Berkeley Twp., 10.43 acres. Mr. Villinger informed the board that the nomination was initiated by the Township. The owner submitted an application. They have approvals for a 35 home subdivision. Appraisals are underway.

7. Public Comment: Mr. Avery acknowledged the conservation work of former Advisory Committee Member John Wnek for his Terrapin Report on the Clam Cove Reserve that was distributed with the agenda for the meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Bacchione and seconded by Mr. Fox to move into Closed Session at 10:32 a.m. All in favor, motion carried.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Bacchione and seconded by Mr. Fox to move back into Open Session at 10:36 a.m. All in favor, motion carried.

9. Meeting Schedule – Scheduling of future meetings for the 3rd Thursday of the month was discussed. Planning staff will call members to confirm availability.

10. Adjournment - A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mr. Bacchione to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 AM. All in favor, motion carried. The next NLTF meeting is TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

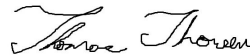
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Closed Session

6. Vine Ave. - Shenandoah, Lakewood Twp., 0.14 acres. Mr. Villinger informed the board that the parcel was under review for use by Parks, to be funded by NLTF. Appraisals came in at \$9,000 and \$12,000. An offer was made in the amount of \$12,000 and the property owner was made aware of significant encroachments onto public property.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Thorsen".

Thomas Thorsen, GIS Specialist II