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**Minutes of the Meeting of
April 11, 2017
Board Room, Executive Plaza
Pine Street, Williamsport**

Commissioner McKernan - Present
Commissioner Mussare - Present
Commissioner Mirabito - Present

Solicitor Smith - Present

1.0 OPERATIONS

1.1 CONVENE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. The meeting was convened at 10:02 a.m.

Bids were opened for the following:
Custom Crop Farming (2 bidders).
Zoning Board Solicitor (3 bidders).

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

2.1 APPROVE CASH REQUIREMENTS REPORT. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved accounts payable cash requirement report through April 19, 2017, for payment on April 12, 2017, in the amount of \$1,242,744.11

2.2 ADOPT RESOLUTION 2017-09. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), adopted resolution 2017-09 for grant application to DCNR for Sylvan Dell Nature Preserve.

Kurt Hausammann discussed the local match to the project would be \$325,000 from Growing Greener funds.

Mr. Mirabito explained that no price is yet agreed upon. Appraisals need to be gotten and a process needs to be followed. He is in favor of the project, but the sellers need to be realistic.

Mr. Hausammann said the numbers presented today are solely for grant application purposes only, they could change in the future. The Growing Greener funds are only to be used for certain purposes.

Mr. McKernan said the application is due tomorrow (Wednesday, April 12, 2017), and this allows this project to be considered.

Mr. Mussare said this is the first time the Planning Department brought an incomplete project. He agreed this is only for application. He has concerns about the appraisal price. There is no defined ownership of the project area. There could potentially be liabilities (wetlands). We want this, but several things need to be looked at.

Mr. Hausammann emphasized there is no obligation at this point until the County accepts the award if it happens. The Planning Department was brought in very late to this project; that is the reason it is not as thorough as others.

Mr. Mirabito added that credit needs to be given to Jim Dunn for asserting this project.

Mr. Todd Lauer asked questions regarding this project.

Gary Metzger, President of Lycoming Audobon Society, said they are in favor of the project and support it.

Ralph Kizburg of Almond Street in Williamsport said he supports the project.

Ryan Adams, Market Street, Williamsport is in favor of the project. This is not adding to the county tax burden, but it does support family values and getting outdoors and increase the wildlife population.

John Bogle of Williamsport said this is an economic development proposal that he supports.

Alisha Sheproads of South Williamsport Park Committee said she is in favor of the project.

Linda Morris supports the project if the questions that have been raised are answered appropriately.

2.2 APPROVE LIQUID FUELS ALLOCATION TO BROWN TOWNSHIP. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved the liquid fuels allocation to Brown Township in the amount of \$642.

Mr. McKernan recessed the Commissioners' Meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Mr. McKernan reconvened the Commissioners' Meeting at 11:12 a.m.

6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT. The floor was opened to public comment and the following were received:

Mr. McKernan talked about the proposed ordinance that would increase the Hotel Tax rate.

Mr. Mussare complimented the Sun Gazette's reporting on Penn DoT.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT. The floor was opened to public comment and none were received.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, April 13, 2017.

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.