APPOINTMENT

Approving the reappointment of Thomas Headley to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

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Allegheny County Council

In Council	MAY	gn	, 2017.	
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April 13, 2017

Honorable President and Members Allegheny County Council 119 Courthouse Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Members of Council:

Please find the attached the biography of Thomas Headley, whom I am recommending for reappointment to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

The purpose of the Board is to purchase the development rights of undeveloped farm land in Allegheny County. Development rights are held as easements against the property- land cannot be developed. Created by State law (ACT 149 of 1988) and funded by the State. He will continue to serve as the at-large member in term ending on December 31, 2019.

Mr. Headley earned a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is currently the owner/ operator of Hilltop farm. Mr. Headley retired in 2012 as the Executive Director of Westmoreland Heritage.

I appreciate your consideration, and ask you to act on this appointment as quickly as possible. Mr. Headley will make himself available for review before the appropriate committee if members of Council wish to speak with him.

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald

Thomas W. Headley 2886 Pangburn Hollow Rd. Monongahela, PA 15063 Home 412-384-0962 Fax 412-384-5252 tomheadley1@comcast.net

Work Experience

1991-Present

Owner/Operator-Hilltop Farm

• Restored the house and outbuildings on this 84 acre farm dating from the 1860's where we breed and raise endangered Species of poultry.

2002-2012 (Retired) University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Executive Director, Westmoreland Heritage

 Managed this county-wide collaborative effort to promote historical tourism as an economic development strategy and to create a better understanding of, and appreciation for the rich history of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. The program reported to the President of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, and lead more than 45 member businesses, groups and organizations from across Westmoreland County.

1967-2000

Other Business Experience

- Twenty-five years of executive management experience with leading companies in the specialty metals recycling business including Omnisource, ELG Metals, and Steelmet Inc.
- Various supervisory and management positions with United States Steel Corp.

Community and Public Service

- Member of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Land Preservation Board (2015-Present)
- Chairman and Member Allegheny County Agricultural Land Preservation Board (2003-Present)
- Rotary Club of Greensburg-Paul Harris Fellow (2002-Present)

- Board Member Westmoreland County Historical Society (2002-Present)
- Founder and Chairman of the Forward Township Natural Gas Advisory Committee
- Forward Township Board of Supervisor-Vice-chairman 2000-2011 (Retired)
- Twin Rivers Council of Governments
 President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer
 (2000-2011)
- Chairman of the Twin Rivers Regional Planning Committee
- Founding Member of the Forward Township Agricultural Security Area
- Board Member of the Allegheny County Association of Township Officials (2000-2011)
- Board Member of Jefferson Hills Area Ambulance Association (2005-2011)
- Board Member- Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission and Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee of this Federal Commission
- Awarded an Arthur St. Clair Historic Preservation Award by the Westmoreland County Historical Society

Historic and Preservation Activities

- Our farm is enrolled in the Pennsylvania Agricultural Land Preservation program.
- Restored 4 homes in Allegheny County including the 1840
 Peter Boyer House in Bethel Park awarded a Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation plaque
- Member of numerous historical organizations including:
 - o The National Trust for Historic Preservation
 - o Pennsylvania Heritage Society
 - o Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation
 - Westmoreland County Historical Society
 - Monongahela Area Historical Society
- Member of conservation organizations including:
 - o American Farmland Trust
 - Allegheny Land Trust
 - o Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

Education

- Georgia Institute of Technology BS degree in Industrial Engineering
- Numerous Executive Development Courses

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May 10, 2017

Mr. Thomas Headley 2886 Pangburn Hollow Road Monongahela, PA 15063

Dear Mr. Headley:

This letter is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny Council held on May 9, 2017 Council approved your reappointment to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

We congratulate you on your reappointment and wish you the best of luck in this undertaking. We look forward to receiving your recommendations and stand willing to assist you in any way you believe appropriate.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Kress, Appointment Review Committee Chair

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Allegheny County Council

Jan Lauer, District Manager, Allegheny County Conservation District

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