

## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 2, 2016

### PRESENT:

Jay Fischer  
Bob Long  
Carolyn Long  
Luke Reven  
Louise Walker  
Alan Yefko

Minutes from the April meeting were approved with minor corrections.

**Open Space Sign:** Lou Walker will contact Matt VanLew to set up getting approvals from property owners on location of sign.

**New Members:** Four people expressed an interest in becoming members. Luke has their emails indicating interest and a draft of a standardized form/application. Candidates can also attach a resume or extra information. Board of Supervisors will review our recommendations. One person is unable to come on Mondays and withdrew his application. Two people came to discuss their interest in Open Space.

Bob Renken, a retired USGS scientist (Assoc. Dir. of Florida Water Science Center) who now does consulting and teaches at Delaware County Community College, was on the Climate Change Task Force for Broward County in Florida. Several counties came together in a bipartisan effort to work on solutions to problems. He felt that these experiences would be applicable to Open Space/Land Planning projects.

Mark Smith, a Mechanical Engineer who worked at McDonnell Douglas and Con Edison, has a Masters in Business Administration and now operates a chemical company which he purchased from a friend. He would like to preserve this area (doesn't like crowded areas) and owns 4 acres in the township. He is interested in looking at land and land values.

Joe Facciolo was not able to attend the meeting but expressed his interest in an email to Luke. Preservation of land for open space has always been a concern for him. He sees the township growing and would like to see farmland preserved. He has worked at Delaware County Housing Authority for 11 years assisting low income families in becoming home owners and is currently working the Veterans Multi-Service Center assisting homeless Veterans to seek and maintain housing.

We invited prospective members to come again and Luke will send all the applicants a summary of information on the Open Space committee.

**Trails:** The Township is moving ahead with Heatherwind West swap-out easements. HOA approval is needed. The Trail Committee identified a preferred route (around the basin). A Vision Partnership grant was awarded.

**Open Space Fund:** The balance is growing. Scott confirmed the earned income tax is more than enough to pay off the bond. There are three separate funds within one bond issue and it runs through 2030.

**Pulte:** They are going through Phase 5B on Bondsville Rd.

Giant:

Adjacent property owner Blair and owner of former Spence property appealed preliminary plan approval. Not a lot of issues remain and most of those were denied by a judge before.

**Watters:** It looks like 216 homes will go ahead.

**Honey Brook Pharmacy:** They got final approval and are coming in front of BOS soon. There is an issue over parking, which has to be on the same property as the store and currently that is not the case.

**Southdown Homes:** They have an approved plan that seems to be activating. When it goes forward the township will be given the old spring water plant across the road. They are looking for a deal to ship sewage across the creek to Uwchlan Township. Then they wouldn't need land on the hillside on Creek Rd. There may be a chance to get a trail to either Forge Hill or Township Rd.

Executive Session was called to discuss properties.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Walker