

**East Pikeland Township Open Space Committee**  
**Dec 2, 2008**

Meeting began 7:00pm      Meeting ended 8.05pm

**Present:** Rusty Strauss, Stock Illoway, Marilyn Randolph, Kim Dunn, David Jarvie, Leo Galletto.

**Absent:** Gus Orr, David Toth, Frank Giardina

**Also Present:** Ronald Graham

**Approval of minutes from the October 21, 2008 meeting:**

*A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Marilyn, seconded by Rusty and passed unanimously.*

**Green Region – PECO Open Space Program**

Rusty presented a draft of the East Pikeland application to the program. It was proposed in the grant that the funds would be used to achieve the base line appraisal for the value of development rights.

**Year In Review**

Rusty charged the OSC to look at this year's progress and begin to establish priorities for 2009. Reorganization will be necessary as David Jarvie and Marilyn Randolph will be coming to the end of their terms. Gus will be declining participation for 2009. Rusty will provide current account balances of the tax revenues gained to date.

**Regional Park and Recreation Plan**

Stock introduced to the OSC that there will be an 18 month study involving 10 participating townships of northern Chester County through the Federation of Northern Chester County Communities. The goal is to coordinate parks and trails within the county so that efforts are not duplicated. This being especially important with trails planning and development so that trails can be linked.

**Trail/French Creek:**

Kim has attended multiple meetings related to this topic. Further coordination with other EP committees is necessary. The status of the Phoenixville property is important to establish. If the property is acquired we should proceed with a meeting with the 4-6 property owners that are potentially involved along the French Creek Trail. Ron Graham provided some background regarding the proceedings with the Phoenixville property. A petition to a Board of Reviews has been made. The court will appoint a panel to establish a valuation followed by updated appraisal. OSC funds can not be used to purchase the property as the property is being condemned.

## **General Discussion**

Recommendations were made to continue efforts in the northern tier Kolb, Crouse and the Dietrich properties. Stock recommended that the OSC consider discussion with the Cutler group to see if they would like to reduce the size of their project and selling some of their development right to Open Space.

Discussion was made suggesting that we proceed with the appraisal process prior to hearing from the PECO grant award as we do not know when and if the grant will be awarded. It is necessary that OSC knows the value of a TDR within East Pikeland in order to present to interested landowners. It is difficult to proceed without this important piece of information.

Trails sub-committee may need to meet and form its agenda. The committee needs to coordinate efforts with Parks and Recreation and the Historic committees.

No progress on the Miller property-

*Submitted by Leo Galletto*