

East Pikeland Township Open Space Committee
April 17, 2008

Meeting began 7:05 Meeting ended 8:50

Present: Rusty Strauss, Stock Illoyay, Kim Dunn, Marilyn Randolph, Gus Orr,
David Jarvie, Frank Giardina, Leo Galletto.

Absent: David Toth

Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2008 meeting:

Stock made correction to the minutes regarding the following issues:

1- He did not make contact with Mr. Steimer as recorded but did make contact with Homer and Marcus Kolb.

2- Correction to the language regarding the baseline study necessary could involve a variety of professionals to include Attorney and Appraisers. The fee for these professional can run up to \$7,000. These fees can come from open space funds.

No additional corrections were presented.

A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Stock, seconded by Frank and passed unanimously.

Reviewed List of Properties:

Rusty prepared a list of properties that organized the larger properties of interest in the township under the following categories:

- 1- 319 properties
- 2- Properties with existing/future developmental plans
- 3- Properties adjacent to the proposed French Creek Trail
- 4- Other Properties with greater than ten acres in size
- 5- Properties with existing easements

Each property was reviewed individually to determine its location, likely willingness of the land owner to participate in the open space program, the potential member from the open space committee that might be able to contact the land owner and the desire to invite the land owner to a general meeting to discuss the open space program soon to be scheduled.

The date of the meeting remains to be determined and formalized. A suggestion was made rather than having one large meeting that we should consider having smaller meetings with 25 people or fewer. Attention should be given to property owners with the highest priority. A separate meeting for "Open Space" properties and "Trail Easement" properties should also be considered.

Kim suggested looking at the township into zones to help organize the efforts.

Rusty proposed that we take a map of East Pikeland and color in each of the properties that are on the list to help fully appreciate the importance of each property's location and its proximity to the other properties on the list. This will also let us see the balance of the property throughout the township.

Priority Guidelines:

Rusty presented an updated version of the "Priority Guidelines" reflecting changes as previously developed.

A motion to approve the updated "Priority Guidelines" was made by David, seconded by Stock and passed unanimously.

New Business:

Stock made the recommendation that the open space committee solicit the help of other interested citizens to help us perform some of the leg work. The recommendation was met with mixed reaction. Rusty mention Kim Moretti can advertise the invitation to interested citizens on the web site and the newsletter. Marilyn was concerned that too many people at the meetings could become less productive and unmanageable. Rusty suggested that each member of the committee bring on interested person. No resolution or agreement was made regarding this point.

Status of Trails Subcommittee:

No discussion on this agenda item.

Ongoing Education of OSC:

No discussion on this agenda item.

Motion to adjourn was made by Stock and seconded by Kim and passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Leo Galletto