

East Pikeland Township
Open Space committee Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2007

Present: Rusty Strauss, Stockton Illoway, David Toth, Gus Orr, Kim Dunn, Marilyn Randolph, Pat Kautz, Leo Galletto.

Open Space Committee Ordinance Status

Rusty Strauss reported that the Ordinance has been passed and staffed for 3 year terms.

Appointment of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

- Rusty Strauss has been appointed the Chairman by the Board of Supervisors.
- David Toth was nominated for Vice-Chair with a second by Kim Dunn. All were in favor
- Pat Kautz was nominated for Secretary, with a second by Stock Illoway. All were in favor.

OSC Presence at the Kimberton Community Day

It was suggested that we would have a table at the Kimberton community Day with the following items on display:

Print out of a map with hardcopy backing to allow stick pins to show locations of property for the public to see what open space areas are in the township. Kim will follow up with the LTL Engineers Consultants for mapping information.

A possible pamphlet to answer questions that the public might have:

“What are my tax dollars doing for the open space committee?”

Priority Guidelines

There were suggestions from Stockton which could make the Priority Guidelines easier to handle:

- a) Breakdown the township in small groups.
- b) Get homeowners together to talk with the committee so they can understand our purpose in the community.
- c) Set up guidelines to re-evaluate the properties.
- d) There should be some education of the committee to understand some of the terms being used. This will make it better to communicate to the property owners.
- e) Future subjects which will be discussed for the committee to understand better are: conservation Trust, Easements, Tax benefits.

Miscellaneous:

The committee will be looking into being able to connect trails and future trails in the township with the French Creek Trails.

A Trail taskforce has been formed and the members are : Kim Dunn, David Toth, and Leo Galletto.

Next Months August 16th Meeting Topics

- Report about PECO Energy Open Space Grant Program which Marilyn Randolph will report on.
- Stock Illoway will discuss easements and will supply an example.
- Gus Orr will summarize the list of properties on the 319 Parcels list.
- Rusty Strauss will contact The Heritage Conservatory for open space documents and will work on the priority guidelines.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 16th at 7 PM

Submitted by: Patricia Kautz, Secretary