

EAST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2008

Present: Rusty Strauss, Stock Illoway, Gus Orr, David Jarvie, Frank Giardina **Guests:** Ron Graham and Jonathan Gayl **Absent:** Leo Galletto David Toth, Kim Dunn, Marilyn Randolph

Minutes: Rusty made a motion to approve the 2/21/2008 minutes, seconded by Stock. Motion passed unanimously.

Review List of Properties/Map: Stock mentioned he made contact with Homer and Marcus Kolb. Rusty commented that we need to figure out how we want to pay for easements. Stock talked about needing to have a variety of professionals to review land. The baseline study necessary could involve a variety of professionals including attorneys and appraisers. The fee for these professional can run up to \$7,000. These fees can come from open space funds. Then a conservation organization would require a financial contribution. Stock said he tried to contact John Branam to discuss open space ideas. Stock added that he did speak with John Nash about his land. Representatives for the Dietrich family would deal with the E.P. property independently.

Phoenixville Property Discussion: Rusty would like to have a good faith conversation with property owners to see if we can come to an agreement. The group had an overall discussion of possible usages and a variety of issues. Rusty said we should find out what the land is zoned for and uses for it.

Priority Guidelines: Rusty presented an updated draft of the "Priority Guidelines" form with the edits discussed form last meeting. Jonathan spoke about how historic properties are classified. Rusty and Stock spoke about making additional changes to Section 8 to give more specific points based on Class 1, 2 or 3 properties. Rusty noted that and said he would further edit and update the form. Rusty made a motion to go ahead with the updates as discussed, Gus seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. Rusty will make the changes and present the new form next meeting. Rusty suggested we rate the Phoenixville Property. The group went through the form and the property, then rated the property. The group had an overall discussion of the uniqueness of the property. The "Priority Guidelines" form indicated a point value of 115. Rusty suggested we analyze additional information of the property, specifically how many building lots could be put on it. Stock made a motion that we recommend to the B.O.S. that we move forward to purchase the property with Open Space funds. Rusty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Rusty said he would draft the written recommendation to the B.O.S.

AG Security Zone: Rusty mentioned the B.O.S. agreed to write a letter to the E.V. BOS requesting permission. per the E.P. Open Space Committee recommendation.

Status of Trails Subcommittee: Jonathan mentioned that the sub-committee met and had a very successful presentation for the French Creek Trails.

Ongoing Education of the O.S.C.: Nothing new to report.

New Business: Stock brought up that we need to have more people go out and start talking with property owners. There was an overall discussion that committee members would call property owners to find out if they would be interested in talking further. The committee agreed that at the next meeting we will pick a date and plan for a public meeting. Committee members will split up the list of names and make phone calls to invite property owners to come to the meeting. The committee will work on a phone script so everyone is saying the same thing.

Next Meeting: April 17, 2008

Submitted by: Frank Giardina