

**East Pikeland Township - Open Space Committee**

**October 27, 2009**

**(Revised 11/17)**

- 1. Meeting Called to order by the chairman at 7:09**
- 2. Present: Rusty Strauss, Marilyn Randolph, Stock Illoway, Kim Dunn, Frank Giardina, George Irwin**  
**Absent: David Jarvie, David Toth**
- 3. The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed with corrections. Marilyn moved to accept the corrected minutes and the motion was seconded by Kim. Passed unanimously**
- 4. Rusty and Stock have met with Mr. Massaro with respect to the 16.3 acre property he owns on the French Creek. Massaro is very interested in either selling the property or selling development rights to protect this property from any development. Massaro indicated that in the past he had been offered money for 7 acres in order for 5 lots to be developed and he wasn't interested in selling. The property includes 700 feet along the Creek. A tentative estimate would be \$500,000 to purchase the entire property.**
- 5. An adjacent property owned by Dorothy Kneal has a pond associated with it which looks like a little park.**
- 6. We need to determine whether we should buy the property outright or buy the development rights. This will involve meeting with the owner when we have an appraisal**
- 6(a). The committee completed preparation of a priority grid for 20 Nancy Lane (Massaro's property), and obtained a grade of 119 which is very high. This figure is to be used to assess the potential to proceed to purchase or otherwise protect this property.**
- 7. It appears at this point that an appraisal would be necessary to proceed further.**

**Stock moved that we get an appraisal on the property seconded by Kim. This motion was passed unanimously.**

**We should proceed to develop recommendations to be made to the Supervisors.**

**Rusty will make arrangements for our committee to visit the property so we all know what the property looks like as we consider the next steps.**

**The property is located at 20 Nancy Lane (Prop # 26-2-123)**

**8. We next discussed the adjacent property owned by Mrs. Kneal.**

**Marilyn has agreed to visit Mrs. Kneal to discuss our interest in protecting this property and to determine whether she is interested. Her property is at 256 W. Seven Stars Road.**

**9. Latshaw Property**

**Contacts with Mr. Latshaw have been made and he is definitely interested in selling easements or development rights to protect his property. The property of interest is 50 acres in the northwest corner of the township. This property is mostly farmland.**

**The family is interested in our approach to them and the children (siblings) are all in agreement. The Latshaws must get back to us with their level of interest as well as timing. Stock will follow up with Mr. Latshaw.**

**10. there is a Northern Federation meeting on Nov. 10 to discuss trails and open space. 6:30 to 8:30 at OJR**

**11. Stock moved that we adjourn seconded by Frank, passed unanimously.**

**12. Next meeting: November 17 at 7:00.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**George Irwin, Secretary**