

**East Pikeland Township Open Space Committee**  
**January 20, 2009**

Meeting began 7:05 Meeting ended 8:20

**Present:** Rusty Strauss, David Jarvie, Kim Dunn, Frank Giardina, Leo Galletto.

**Absent:** David Toth, Stock Illoyay, Marilyn Randolph

**Also Present:** George Irwin

**Approval of minutes from December 02, 2008 meeting:**

*A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by David, seconded by Kim and passed unanimously.*

**Reorganization of the OSC for 2009**

-Rusty was nominated to continue in the role of Chair. The motion was seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve the reappointment.

-Kim was nominated to be the Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

-Leo was nominated to continue in the role of Secretary. The motion was seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

-David Jarvie and Marilyn Randolph were reappointed by the Board of Supervisor's at the January Reorganization meeting

-Gus Orr's term has expired and has asked not to be reappointed. This leaves a vacancy in the OSC.

-George Irwin, in attendance, is a new resident (8 months) of East Pikeland with West Pikeland. George presents considerable experience working with West Pikeland Township from 1977- 2000. His experience included term(s) on the Zoning Board, Board of Supervisors, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Open Space Committee.

A motion was made to appoint George to the available space on the OSC. The motion was seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve the appointment. The position was accepted.

**PECO GRANT**

Rusty has been informed that PECO will make a decision regarding the grant we applied for by February. As the grant was sought to help us fund the appraisal process, which is so important to complete so that we can move forward, it was agreed that the appraisal process will be initiated in advance of PECO's decision.

## **Phoenixville's Kimberton School Property**

There was general discussion involving the Kimberton School Property. This property was subjected to considerable study and debate and failed to be approved for construction due to environmental concerns. The property lies adjacent to the Kimberton Park and the KYAL baseball fields and incorporates an old dump site. The site is +/-20 acres. The portion of the tract that lies immediately adjacent to the park and ball fields is of interest to the OSC. The dump area fell under considerable discussion and may represent a liability and will expose the Township to considerable clean up costs. It was pointed out that many taxpayers are upset about the expenditures made to the failed site we may face considerable criticism asking the taxpayers to now repurchase the property with Open Space Funds.

It was agreed the OSC would consider the site by assessing the site with the guidelines we have drafted with attention to the three parcels adjacent to the park and ball fields extending to route 113.

## **2009 Open Space Budget**

Rusty presented financial breakdown pertaining to Open Space. The budget will be attached to the minutes in a separate document.

## **2009 Goals for the Open Space Committee**

I- Continue with work on the French Creek Trail with coordinating efforts with the Park & Recreation committee, and the Historical commission. Plan to:

- a- Identify property owners along the trail route (Kim completed)
- b- Invite those owners to Public meeting
- c- Present plan
- d- Try to coordinate with other trail systems

II- Follow up on Northern tier of the township.

- a- Begin follow up after the appraisal baseline is established.

III- Make purchase by end 2009 to demonstrate to the township the efficacy of the program.

## **Miller Property and Phoenixville Property**

Rusty informed the OSC that there is no additional news to report regarding these properties.

## **Miscellaneous**

By ordinance we need to prepare a report to summarize activity and accomplishments of the 2008 OSC.

Need to post the 2008 Minutes on the web site.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:20**

*Submitted by: Leo Galletto*