

East Pikeland Township Open Space Committee

September 15, 2009

Meeting began 7:04 Meeting ended 8:10

Present: Rusty Strauss, George Irwin, Kim Dunn, David Jarvic, Marilyn Rudolph, Frank Giardina

Absent Leo Galleto, Stock Illoway, David Toth

Approval of new secretary

A motion was made to nominate George Irwin as secretary, it was seconded and approved

Approval of minutes from June 16th meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded and approved

Upcoming vacancy

Kim Dunn provided a heads up that her term expires at the end of the year and she is choosing not continue on the Open Space Committee. She is the Planning Commission representative and her slot should be filled by another member of that committee.

Kimberton Village Trail System

A representative of Kimberton village presented a proposal to include a trail system from Prizer Road through the wetlands to Gotwals Pond. They wish to make Kimberton a "destination" to include trails, parks, and historic locations.

This plan was presented to the Planning Commission and was given their "blessing" to proceed.

The presentation included a boardwalk through the wetlands.

Phoenixville Property

Condemnation papers have been submitted for the "Phoenixville Property", approximately 40 acres

Additional Properties of interest

There are four other properties along the French Creek that are of interest with respect to developing the trail along the creek. Two letters have been sent out to two of the owners.

Mr. Massaro received one of the letters and he has responded that he would be favorably inclined towards an easement. He indicated that he would even be interested

in discussing transfer of his entire property. (Open Space funds might be considered for this property.)

The second letter has been received by the lawyer for the owner. This property is along the creek at Hares Hill Road.

A third letter will be sent out for a small piece of land owned by Schrawder and Brownfield L.P.

The fourth letter will be sent in connection with a property which is part of the Villas at French Creek.

Sequence of actions for obtaining property or easements

1. The Committee initially contacts the owner involved.
2. The Committee evaluates the property on a priority grid.
3. The Committee submits to the BOS their recommendations.

Upcoming Trails Subcommittee Meeting

A presentation will be made to the residents within 200 feet of the proposed trail. These residents will be notified after the residents owning the land have been contacted.

Available Funds

We presently have \$1,000,000 in the bank to use for purchasing easements or properties.

Other properties of Interest

Messrs Kolb, Latshaw and Steimer are interested in possible approaches for their properties.

Next Meeting

We will address actions to take on the Massaro property at the next meeting.
Meeting to be held at 7:00 on October 20.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Marilyn and seconded by Kim. It passed unanimously

Submitted by George Irwin