

**East Pikeland Township Open Space Committee**  
**October 21, 2008**

**Present:** Rusty Strauss, Marilyn Randolph, Kim Dunn, David Toth

**Absent:** Gus Orr, Stock Illoway, David Jarvie, Frank Giardina, Leo Galletto

**Guest:** Ron Graham

*A quorum of the committee members was not present.*

**Trails Sub-committee:**

Kim Dunn gave a review of the trails sub-committee meeting which was held at the last EP Park & Rec Board meeting on October 14, Dave Toth from the OSC was also present. The Coldstream Crossing development was getting ready to build/dedicate their trail to the township and had asked Ed Latshaw about what signage the township would like to see. The trails subcommittee had discussed this topic at length.

Rusty discussed ideas to reinvigorate the Trails subcommittee. He suggested organizing a separate meeting specifically for the subcommittee and inviting members of Park and Rec, the Open Space Committee, and the Historic Committee. This meeting would be dedicated to developing a plan for the French Creek Trail including tasks to acquiring the land, building the trail, and maintaining the trail. Rusty will schedule the meeting.

Angela Volpe, the Township Secretary, discussed a Chester County grant that was being considered. County personnel were to do a site visit of the area this Friday.

Kim Dunn and Rick Bullota did a site visit of the French Creek trail site.

Kim Dunn attended a Schuylkill Township Park & Rec meeting in a spirit of regional cooperation.

The idea of investigating Rails to Trails was discussed and how it could be beneficial to East Pikeland Township.

**PECO Open Space Grant**

Rusty handed out a draft of the PECO Green Region Application Form for the committee to review. Last month the committee had agreed to request the grant for an initial appraisal to benchmark East Pikeland township properties. The grant requires a 50/50 match of up to \$10,000. The main question was whether the township should request \$2,500 with a \$2,500 match totaling the appraisal amount of \$5,000 or to request \$5,000 for the appraisal and the matching \$5,000 would be used for assisting with individual appraisals. The committee agreed on the latter. The application is due on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Rusty will ask Kim Moretti to contact PECO if they felt this would be acceptable to them, and if so, proceed with the application for the \$10,000 50/50 match.

Kim Dunn also mentioned she had some comments about the language in the application and would speak with Kim Moretti about it.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting TBD**