

EAST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 18, 2007

Present: Rusty Strauss, Stockton Illoway, Leo Galletto, Gus Orr

Quorum not attained so minutes from September meeting not approved.

Rusty distributed handouts provided by The Heritage Conservancy.

Vacancy on Open Space Committee: Explained that Patricia Kautz will not be able to stay on the Open Space Committee because she moved outside the township. She is welcome to attend the meetings though if interested. Since she was secretary a new secretary needs to be selected.

PECO Energy Open Space Grant Program

East Pikeland will not apply for this grant this year due to time constraints in submitting the application. Will plan to apply next year.

Reviewed list of properties:

- Stock has spoken with Ed Latshaw. The Trust will develop a document showing differences between donation of land and development rights.
- Gus has spoken with Joe Roberts. He has no interest.
- Gus spoke with Kayla Evans. She showed interest. And may be interested in selling soon. Stock and Gus to arrange another meeting.
- Gus will arrange a meeting between neighbors of his and the Deitrich property. Stock will attend.

Kimberton Property:

Stock has been working with the County of Chester and other interested parties to develop a trail system west of East Pikeland. Through this effort it has come to his attention that there is a parcel of land that a developer would like to purchase, subdivide off the properties with houses, and sell the remainder to the township at a reasonable price. We reviewed maps that showed the trail and the property in Kimberton. The developer has an option on the property until November 28th, 2007. This property could be used as a trailhead for the larger trail. Also would provide a link to French Creek.

Because of the timing and circumstances surrounding this property it probably cannot go through the normal Open Space Committee process. Rusty will arrange to meet with the developer and Stock and to discuss the possibility with the other supervisors.

Easements:

The OSC should make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to put easements on township owned property. Will discuss at next OSC meeting.

Homework:

Review the procedure in the OS Ordinance regarding how the OSC is to make recommendations to the BOS.

Submitted by: Rusty Strauss