

East Pikeland Township - Open Space Committee

April 17, 2012

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 by the chairman**
- 2. Present: John Schott, Rusty Strauss, Kersten Appler, George Irwin, Greg Harriman, Stock Illoway, Lee Johnson (later)**
Absent: Frank Giardina, Marilyn Randolph
Guest: Ed Theurkauf
- 3. On a motion from John Schott, seconded by Greg Harrison, the minutes were approved with corrections**
- 4. Rusty provided the terms for the new members as:**
Lee Johnson - through 12/31/12
Greg Harriman - through 12/31/13
Kersten Appler - through 12/31/14
and welcomed them to the committee
Rusty said he would send to the committee the ordinance that established our committee
- 5. No financial report**
- 6. Update on appraisals - Evan and Randolph not done yet**
- 7. Additional updates:**
 - A. At the last supervisors meeting a resolution was passed to take dedication of the property adjacent to the Villas of French Creek**
 - B. The final piece along the eastern side of the trail is the Schrawder property**
 - C. We discussed the alternate routes for the trail on the west side of the Township**
- 8. Rusty announced that the Township had received a \$120,000 grant to be used for the bridge crossing the French Creek at the Massaro property. This will go a long way toward completion of the trail.**
- 9. Ed Theurkauf provided background for his work on:**
 - A. A township wide trail plan**
 - B. A comprehensive plan and open space plan**
 - C. Plans for an economic review of the Rte. 724 corridor**

Open space plan is to include greenways, bicycle

circulation, bikeways on unimproved streets and recreation facilities to include playgrounds and parks.

Ed was interested in the direction our committee was taking, e.g. are their high priority open space acquisitions? He discussed a multi municipality inventory program through the northern federation which includes East and West Pikeland, Schuykill Township, East and West Vincent and West and South Coventry Township.

10. For the benefit of the new members and Ed Theurkauf, Rusty discussed our committee's approach to the different sections of the Township with reference to the maps that have been prepared.

He discussed our concentration on the northern part of the Township and our acquisition of an easement on the Latshaw property. He discussed the many other properties we have looked at in that part of the Township and the current status of our contacts including Kolb, Bentley, Benyo, Krauss Meyer and the PECO and Crombie properties.

We discussed the Cutler development which is on hold but once it proceeds, the Township will realize a park.

Kersten expressed the desire to walk the trails and to become more familiar with the Township. Greg suggested we need to find out what is needed to fill in the trail gaps.

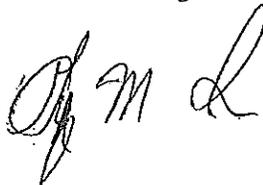
The discussions included the need to fill in gaps in the trail system in the southern part of the Township.

11. After a lengthy discussion to bring the new members up to date, Stock moved and John seconded the adjournment of the meeting at 9:10.

12. Respectfully Submitted,

George M. Irwin,

Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G M Irwin', written in a cursive style.