

## East Pikeland Township - Open Space Committee

February 21, 2012

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 by the Chairman
2. Present: John Schott, Frank Giardina, Marilyn Randolph, Stock Illoway, Rusty Strauss, George Irwin
3. Guests: Kersten Appler, Greg Harriman, Lee Johnson
4. Guest facilitator: Ed Murray (Boening and Scattergood, Inc.)
5. Ed Murray presented information on obtaining an Open Space Bond Issue, leveraging the current income the township is receiving. We could obtain a 7.53 million bond issue with our current cash flow. There was extensive discussion on maximizing our cash flow.

If we were to use Boening and Scattergood, they would prepare the appropriate paperwork ahead of time giving us the ability to move quickly if necessary.
6. Minutes: Stock Illoway moved approval and John seconded the approval of last months minutes.
7. Financial Report: As of the end of January we had \$1,143,000 in the Open Space Account. Orr closed on 1/27 with the expenditure of \$216,000.
8. A site visit of the Randolph property was held on Saturday 1/21.

A priority grid was prepared on the property.  
The grid resulted in 91 points for the priority.  
There is a good view shed from the road.  
Stock moved and John seconded that we seek an appraisal for this property. Five in favor with one abstention
9. Supervisors approved obtaining an assessment on the Kayla

Evans property. O'Donnell will be performing the assessment.

Supervisors approved obtaining an assessment on the Kelly Field. O'Donnell will be performing the assessment.

Supervisors deferred on moving forward with the Ruffo property.

10. Rusty announced that there will be a public meeting on March 26 with respect to the goals of the Planning Commission for the Comprehensive Plan.

We also wish to document the goals of the Township Open Space plans.

11. The Township is applying for a grant from the County for the French Creek Trail. The goal is to protect East Pikeland's Township land along the French Creek.

12. Stock discussed bills in the House and Senate to allow trails on Agriculturally Eased properties. Sponsored by Chris Ross and Andy Dinniman.

13. An extensive discussion was held for the benefit of the visitors on the approaches of the Open Space Committee to protecting land

14. At 8:15 Stock moved and George Seconded the adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
George M. Irwin, Secretary