

East Pikeland Township – Open Space Committee

February 18, 2014

1. Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Rusty Strauss at 7:05

Present: Rusty Strauss, Kersten Appler, George Irwin, Frank Giardina, Lee Johnson, Stock Illoway,

Absent: John Schott, Marilyn Randolph

Guest: Ed Theurkauf, Martin Sheehan

2. Reorganization:

Kersten moved and Rusty seconded the appointment of Rusty as chairman for 2014. Approved unanimously

Rusty moved and Kersten seconded the appointment of Stock as vice chairman for 2014. Approved unanimously

Stock moved and Kersten seconded the appointment of George as secretary for 2014. Approved unanimously.

3. Appointment of new member:

Stock moved to recommend to the supervisors that Martin Sheehan be appointed to the Open Space Committee. Rusty seconded and this was approved unanimously by the committee.

4. Minutes of December 18, meeting

Stock moved and George seconded the approval of the 12/18 minutes with no changes. Approved unanimously.

5. Old Business:

a. Davis Property

The committee developed the priority guidelines for this property based on their evaluation during their walking the property (in the rain!). Total Score = 86

Discussions were held on the pluses and minuses of the property. Active and Passive recreation,

Pickering Valley Railroad Trail goes through it, Kimberton Fire Company parking needs. The site has a dump in it, and maintenance could be a problem. KYAL needs additional fields and could provide maintenance with mowing. The fire company could also assist with maintenance.

The property currently has an approved subdivision plan for 6 building sites. The school bought the property for 1.8 million and Davis bought it back for 1.7 million.

After these discussions, Kersten moved and Frank seconded that we write to the supervisors proposing that we obtain an appraisal of the property. This motion was unanimously approved.

6. At this time Ed Theurkauf joined the discussions.

- a. We should look for small neighborhood parks**
- b. We should look to implement the trail plan – multi-use trails throughout the township'**
- c. Get plans in for trails.**
- d. We don't need to spend money.**
- e. We should take the trail plan and see which properties need to be eased to protect future plans.**
- f. The Schuykill River Trail needs to be connected.**
- g. We need to look at a connection between Kimberton Meadows and the Crombie trail head.**
- h. Don't look at economic development and ignore the Open Space Committee needs**

I We need maps and Kersten and Stock will come up with specific needs in this area.

5. Old Business – continued

a. Coccia – We don't know what he wishes to do.

b. Bryn Coed – Nothing to date

Next month we will assess priorities and strategies for the coming year. Ed Theurkauff will provide supportive information.

We are on the agenda for the March Supervisors meeting and Stock will draft a letter for our presentation to the Board and will be prepared to present it.

Ed will send to Rusty maps on PDF.

We will look at these maps in a future meeting. Ed will look at costs to have these maps for everyone on the committee.

Stoney Run – not good for a trail. Difficult for anyone to do anything with this property. We should concentrate on trails in the Northeast quadrant of the Township.

After these discussions, Stock moved and George seconded the adjournment of the meeting at 8:45

**Respectfully submitted,
George Irwin, Secretary**