

East Pikeland Township - Open Space Committee

February 16, 2010

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 by chairman Strauss**
- 2. Present : Stock Illoway, George Irwin, John Schott, Marilyn Randolph, Rusty Strauss**
Absent: Frank Giardina, Dave Jarvie, David Toth
Guest: Barbara Heck
- 3. John moved and Marilyn seconded the approval of the January minutes.**
- 4. Massaro Property**
 - A. Appraisal has been received from O'Donnell**
 - 1) Market value entire property - \$630,000**
 - 2) Conservation Easement - \$170,000**
 - 3) Trail Easement w/cons. Easement - \$15,000**
 - 4) Trail Easement wo/cons. Easement - \$30,000**
 - B. After discussion of the appraisal and options for the property Stock moved and Marilyn seconded that the following steps be taken:**
 - 1) Contact Mr. Massaro and indicate that we are definitely interested in moving forward on one of the alternatives for the property. Rusty will make this contact**
 - 2) Contact the School District (Mr. Ron Miller) to determine whether the school is interested in working out an arrangement with the Township to have this property available for use by the elementary school. It could be used for science (botany) activities and the house may also be usable as a classroom in conjunction with these activities. John will make this contact with Mr. Miller**
 - 3) Determine the cost to tear down the house and barn. Stock will talk to Ed Latshaw**
 - 4) Determine whether the Historic Commission needs to approve the tearing down of the home if we proceed in that fashion. Rusty will contact Kim Moretti on this.**

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Latshaw Property

Stock has talked to Ed Latshaw and he, his brother and brother-in-law are interested in some kind of easement or protection of the their property.

Rusty agreed to talk to the appraiser, O'Donnell, about obtaining a ballpark estimate of the cost for a conservation easement on R-2 property. (About 50-60 acres in the northwest quadrant of our township).

6. Miller Pond

Rusty indicated the realtor for this property had approached the Township as to whether they were interested in the property. The committee indicated that they were interested in discussing further what options might exist for this property.

Rusty agreed to let the realtor know that we wished to proceed further on options for the property.

7. Earlier, the committee welcomed John Schott as a new member on our committee, representing the Planning Commission.

8. Rusty moved and Stock seconded extending an invitation to Barbara Heck to join our committee since she expressed an interest in our activities and has attended the December and February meeting. Passed unanimously.

9. George moved and Marilyn seconded the adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, George Irwin