

East Pikeland Township - Open Space Committee - Minutes

December 16, 2014

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Rusty Strauss, at 7:10 pm.

Present: Rusty Strauss, John Schott, George Irwin, Stick Illoway, Kersten Appler, and Lee Johnson.

Absent: Marilyn Randolph, Frank Giardina, and Martin Sheehan.

1. Stock moved and John seconded the approval of the November 18 minutes with no changes.
2. We all should consider candidates to add to our numbers. George is stepping down this year and it appears that Frank may be stepping down.
3. Rusty has directed a letter to our appraiser, O'Donnell, to seek an update on appraisals for the Scott, Wagner and Piazza properties. We also need information on the "Insurance" property on Route 724. (The Cutler property)
4. We discussed the subdividing of the Piazza property in the process of buying a piece for open space.
5. We discussed the possible interest of Jeff Effgen and Terry Brett (Kimberton Whole Foods) in the Piazza property. We discussed options for the house vs. the land and the merits of Piazza vs. Davis vs. Wagner's property for purchase or easement.
6. It was commented that we should obtain input from a consultant on the use of the house on the Piazza property.

Stock moved and Kersten seconded a motion to:

Propose to the Board of Supervisors that we hire a consultant to evaluate the three properties we are looking at to determine the best uses for Township open space funds. Unanimously approved.

Discussion - We should also approach the Township solicitor to determine if we can use open space funds for improvements.

7. It was mentioned at the meeting that Piazza would like to meet with us or the BOS in connection with our purchase of his property. We could obtain input from Piazza on his intentions.

8. Schrawder property - Kim talked to Mike Holmes and we should have feedback after the first of the year.

9. Jonathan Gayle indicated that the Kimberton Village Business Association is interested in retaining the commercial portion of the Davis property. This would facilitate the potential for a 'walkable' Kimberton business district.

John moved and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Irwin, Secretary