

East Pikeland Township - Open Space Committee

September 18, 2012

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 by the Chairman

2. Present: Rusty Strauss, John Schott, Marilyn Randolph, Stock Illoway, Frank Giardina, Lee Johnson, George Irwin

Absent: Greg Harriman, Kersten Appler

3. The August Financial Report was provided showing a balance of \$ 1,583,374 in the Open Space account. (attached)

4. Kelly Field (Dietrich property)

Natural Lands Trust is preparing a proposal to ease and protect the entire 1500-1800 acres.

Stock met with the Natural Lands Trust and they are seeking funds and commitments from the County, West Pikeland, West Vincent and East Pikeland Townships. The Dietrich property lies in all three townships. Dietrich wishes to deal with one entity and do the whole project at one time, thus the involvement of the NLT. NOTE: Toll brothers is also attempting to buy the entire property.

NLT is seeking a commitment from East Pikeland associated with the 101 acres in our township. This land would support 23 home sites based on the appraisal we had done on May 14th of this year. Based on the appraisal, we can eliminate 21 lots for \$560,000 which would permit 2 building lots on the 101 acres in our township.

Marilyn moved and George seconded that we recommend to the Board of Supervisors that we proceed with the purchase of the easement on this property. This motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Further, Stock moved and Marilyn seconded that we authorize Stock Illoway to direct a letter to Molly Morrison, president of Natural Lands Trust, indicating that we have recommended to the Board that they proceed with this

transaction. (copy of letter attached to these minutes). This motion also passed unanimously.

5. Steimer: Nothing new to report. He will be approached when time permits

6. Moore Property: The owner, Patty Moore, is interested in providing a trail easement but she is reluctant to proceed since the property is up for sale and such an easement could impact the sale. Nothing further at this time.

7. Rufo: He is clearing land but we have no further information on this property

8. Miller Properties: He has a 10 acre and 7 acre property. No activity fro our committee at this time.

9. A general discussion followed on properties in the northern portion of the Township. Steimer appears to be the next, best property to proceed on after we have settled on the Dietrich property with NLT. (Kelly Field)

10. Mattiola: Brief discussion on Mattiola's plans.

11. Stock moved and Rusty seconded the adjournment of the meeting

**Respectfully submitted,
George Irwin, Secretary**