

**East Pikeland Township
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
April 16, 2015**

Park and Recreation Members Present: Jerry Miller, Caesar Muzzioli, Al Koons
Staff: Kim Moretti, Township Manager

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

General discussion for Park & Rec recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding use of funds for Parks, Trails and consideration of Open Space procurement.

There is \$150,000 in the Park & Rec Fund from Fee in Lieu and Grant Monies. These funds can only be used for development of recreational space, not acquisition or maintenance.

Creation, development and maintenance of new parks is expensive. Our recommendations are as follows:

- 1) We feel that development & expansion of Kimberton Park should be a priority.
- 2) Trail head development for better access to existing trails.
- 3) Expanding existing trails based on the Township Comprehensive Plan.
- 4) Making a priority of moving existing trails toward linking with the Schuylkill River Trail.
- 5) If small parcels of Open Space are acquired, the emphasis should be on leaving the land wild with the possible development of "Reflecting Parks"; small open spaces to be used with cinder trails and possibly benches and picnic tables.

It is important not to rush to acquire land for the sake of spending funds that are on hand. Careful consideration of long-term goals and development in accordance with our Open Space and Comprehensive Plan's objectives should be the prime consideration.

Additional land acquisition discussions touched on:

- 1) Piazza Property – 25 acres at an appraisal of \$1.15 Million dollars
- 2) Davis Property – 19 acres at an appraised value of \$1.6 Million dollars. This is under the asking price and any further discussions must wait for the resolution of the School District money issues.

It is also recommended that Open Space should look toward the Coccia property as a linking point to the Charlestown Park.

Easter Egg Hunt debriefing showed a need for additional volunteers for next year's event. Karen Peters volunteered to help with the stuffing of Easter Eggs and the call will have to go out for volunteers to help with parking.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be May 21, 2015 at 7pm