

**East Pikeland Township
Open Space Committee**

**Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2024**

Present: Lori Beck, John Schott, Emily Gorge, Phil Colaneri, Patrick Jennings, Betsy Burns, Frank Dzedzy & Maureen Goebel

Absent: Stock Illoway

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Emily Gorge, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Betsy Burns motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Frank Dzedzy seconded, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

John Schott motioned to approve the October meeting minutes. Phil Colaneri seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

No updated Open Space Fund Report.

New Business

1. Open Space Preservation Informational Meeting
 - Sub Committee Report: the board discussed a few small details about the meeting planned for the fall. Emily requested that a save the date be included in the Spring Newsletter. Once a date is selected, other entities will be invited like the County, French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust, property owners who have already preserved their properties, etc. The sub committee will meet again in early March.

Old Business

1. Committee Education Update
 - Michelle, Emily, and Stock are working to create a program for committee education and are updating the new committee member packet. Michelle proposed creating business cards and handouts for committee members to take to property visits. Michelle printed out the open space ordinances for everyone to read and familiarize themselves with.
2. Active Property Updates
 - Kimberstone: Discussions ongoing.
 - Coccia: Discussions ongoing.
 - Roberts: Negotiations underway. A new appraisal was completed with one building right reserved, which was provided to the owner. They may seek their own as well.
 - East Pikeland Elementary School: Purchased and completed. Will be removed from the list.

Public Comment

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.