

**East Pikeland Township  
Open Space Committee**

**Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2024**

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

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

John Schott motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Phil Colaneri seconded, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

John Schott motioned to approve the February meeting minutes. Frank Dzedzy seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

The Open Space Fund currently sits at \$6,873,036.54.

**New Business**

1. Co-Vice Chair Appointment
  - John Schott motioned to appoint Phil Colaneri to a Co-Vice Chair position on the Open Space Committee. Lori Beck seconded, unanimously approved.
2. Open Space Preservation Informational Meeting
  - A save the date was included in the Spring newsletter, with more details planned for the Summer Newsletter. The sub committee will meet in April and finalize a date.

**Old Business**

1. Committee Education Update
  - Edits to Open Space Committee Member Packet and educational plan
    - Emily reported that Stock, Emily, and Michelle met and made adjustments and edits to the committee packet. The committee members were asked to read the packet and write down any comments and questions that come up.
    - Education Modules: Emily explained the planned modules for the next few months. After that, modules will be based off gaps in understanding from the educational packet and from topics the committee member's request.
      - For April's meeting, committee members should read and comment on the packet and be prepared to discuss any questions or clarifications they have. The committee will also talk through an overview of the open space process.
2. Active Property Updates
  - Kimberstone: Discussions ongoing. The owner is going back and forth between a few options. The committee discussed whether a system should be put in place to encourage the property owners to commit to a decision about the type of sale or easement they are interested in earlier in the process. If multiple appraisals are needed at different points in the process, this results in added expenses to the Township.

- Coccia: No update, move to non-active property list.
- Roberts: Stock, John Emily, Ron Graham, and Kim Moretti met with the appraiser who completed the original and new appraisals for the property to better understand their nuances, in order to better communicate the options to the property owners.

**Public Comment**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.