

**East Pikeland Township
Open Space Committee**

**Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2020**

Present: Betsy Burns, Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly, Rusty Strauss, Emily Gorge, Patrick Jennings & John Schott

Absent: Stock Illoway & Lori Beck

Guests: Phil Colaneri (resident), John Gayl (resident), Ron Graham (Board of Supervisor)

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Chairman Rusty Strauss called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the September monthly meeting was duly advertised and held electronically through the Zoom application via telephone and the internet.

Minutes from the June meeting were approved with no changes.

Rusty reported that the open space fund is at \$2,770,270.97.

New Business

1. New Member Appointment

- John Schott made a motion to appoint Phil Colaneri to a vacancy on the Open Space Committee. Motion seconded by Betsy. Passed unanimously. The recommendation will be sent to the Board of Supervisors and approved at their October meeting.

Old Business

1. Solar Ordinance Discussion

- The committee discussed the draft Solar Ordinance being discussed by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. Overall, it was determined that more discussion was needed for the commercial portion of the ordinance. As a result, John made a motion to recommend that the Supervisors send the Solar Ordinance back to the Planning Commission and ask them to separate the two major uses for separate adoption (accessory/residential and commercial). Betsy seconded, passed unanimously.

2. Open Space Tour

- Michelle asked how many committee members felt it was imperative to do the tour in 2020, all committee members agreed to wait until 2021.

3. Brief Property Updates

- Rapps Dam Subdivision
 - John reported that the Rapps Dam subdivision is being recorded and contains a trail easement. In the past, the HOA next to the property, Covered Bridge Crossing had declined to connect the trail with their private one. This trail could be a possible way to get people from the French Creek Trail safely to the 724/23 corridor. John would like to re-approach them with Michelle and see if there is anything that could convince them to work with the Township.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourned at 7:54pm.