

**East Pikeland Township
Open Space Committee**

**Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2020**

Present: Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly, Rusty Strauss, Emily Gorge, Patrick Jennings, Lori Beck, Phil Colaneri, & John Schott

Absent: Stock Illoway & Betsy Burns,

Guests: 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 December monthly meeting was duly advertised and held electronically through the Zoom application via telephone and the internet.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved with no changes.

Michelle reported that the open space fund is at \$2,960,181.08

New Business

1. 2022 Planning—15-year referendum anniversary
 - Michelle asked committee members to start thinking about ways in which we can celebrate the 15-year Open Space Referendum anniversary in 2022. Some ideas she presented were creating preservation signs for properties that have been preserved, creating a short video of preserved land, and hosting an event on a piece of open space. The committee will continue to discuss ideas in the new year. Michelle also asked the committee to plan for a discussion about the future of the Open Space Fund in the new year as well.
 - Rusty also indicated that he would like to see the committee table at township events in order to educate residents about the fund and preserved land.

Old Business

1. Solar Ordinance - Update
 - Michelle reported that the Solar Ordinance discussion has been put on hold by the Board of Supervisors while they wait on a draft ordinance to be created by Penn State Extension.
 - Ron reported that Andy Bellwoar, Township council, feels that we could dovetail solar use with preservation easements. The discussion will continue in the coming months.
2. Open Space Database
 - No updates this month
3. Brief Property Updates
 - Davis: John reported that the owners are still asking a few questions but that the process seems to be slowing down. It may be a good time to re-approach the family about purchasing the land.
 - Steimer: None
 - Hart: None
 - Benyo: None
 - DeMutis: Michelle reported that the family reached out to Kisha, the Zoning Officer, last month to set up a meeting to revise the subdivision plans.

- Mattiola: There was discussion about the importance of pursuing the property when only three homes can be built on it. Rusty commented that it's not a high interest because there is no sewer and only three homes are allowed.
- Coccia: Gene Coccia passed away a few months ago. Patrick knows the family and has offered to reach out to them about their interest in the new year. Phil can also follow up with his contacts.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourned at 7:35pm.