

Open Space Committee  
East Pikeland Township  
Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2016

Present: Rusty Strauss, Stock Illoway, Lee Johnson, Marilyn Randolph, John Schott

Absent: Kersten Appler, Martin Sheehan

Guest: Jonathan Gayle

Meeting called to order by Rusty Strauss, at 7:10pm.

Minutes from February, 2015 meeting approved. Marilyn made the motion and Stock seconded.

Priority grids prepared for Jones, Mattioli and Western Road properties. Various discussion on each property with pros/cons. Scores were 83 for Jones, 81 for Mattioli and 24 for Western.

Following the discussion on the priority grids, two motions were made:

1. Jones: John Schott made a motion to recommend to the BOS to obtain an appraisal on the Jones property to evaluate for purchase and/or development rights. Unanimous approval.
2. Mattioli: John Schott made a motion to recommend to the BOS to obtain an appraisal on the Mattioli property to evaluate for purchase and/or development rights. Unanimous approval.

Discussion on Western road property - the score was too low, therefore the group agreed it is not worth it to pursue this property further.

Piazza – discussion on status of the Piazza property. There have been a lot of mixed messages since submitting the last recommendation to purchase in November, 2015. It is the committee's understanding that offer is being considered, but there are questions from the group as to what the current communication status is between the parties because nothing has been reported for a while. The current offer on the table is: "Open Space Committee recommends that the BoS should move forward as follows. Piazza demolishes the home on the property and the township purchases the entire property for the lower appraised value of \$940,000. Request right of way across the leased lot. Proposed by Stock seconded by John. Approved." Rusty will follow up with Kim on status.

New open space property map discussion – the group reviewed the map showing various properties under consideration and marked for priority. Discussion included formatting ideas on how to identify various priority categories. Two additional colors were suggested for the key:

1. Properties with protective easements
2. Township owned properties (i.e. Shrawder and Graham)

The group also discussed a high, medium and low priority concept along with various questions to ask when reviewing properties. Example questions:

1. Talked to the owner?
2. Walked the property?
3. Graded property in the past?
4. Suitability on recreational use of the land? Or future recreation?
5. Location? High, medium, low?
6. Desirable? High, medium, low?
7. Owner interest? High, medium, low?
8. Township Interest? High, medium, low?
9. Park and rec use?

With no further business to discuss, the group agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Next meeting April 19, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Johnson