



WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2013
7:30 pm

Attendance:

Name	Board/Committee
John McGowan	Open Space
Bob Williamson	Open Space
Gwyn Walton	Historic Commission
Donna Sempowski	Historic Commission
Fran McKee	Open Space
Jordan Bires	Open Space
Ivy Ross	Open Space – EAC
Kathy Newcomb	Open Space
Sharon Kaszan	Open Space – Bike & Hike

1. Call to Order: 7:30 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment –

- a. Donna Sempowski does not like Loop Road. There was discussion about the purpose of the acquisition of the township property between Highgrove Manor and Bristol Road. John McGowan would like to know if this was purchased as open space.
- b. Donna Sempowski said Stan and Paul Mason own Bristol Springs; might be approachable to sell part of their property next to Barness Fields as open space.
- c. John McGowan:
 - i. Biggest frustration is feeling that not accomplishing as much as desired.
 - ii. Not a good flow of information.
 - iii. Taking too long to have deed restrictions done.

4. Old Business

- a. Lower Nike Bridge – The bridge is in place. Some clean up remains to be completed. Meeting with Public Works on November 14 to discuss the possibility of constructing a temporary trail connection around Bradford Greene Pump Station.
- b. Warrington Day –
 - i. Some traffic at booth, but not much.
 - ii. Need to make booth more inviting.
 - iii. Best fireworks of all municipalities.
 - iv. Begin OSTF planning for Warrington Day earlier in the year.
 - v. Warrington Day will be in September next year.
- c. Kansas Road Mitigation Area – The Board of Supervisors followed the advice of the Open Space Task Force and the Bike and Hike Committee and is not going to pursue a trail through the Kansas Road Mitigation Area.

- d. Questions were raised why \$120,000 is being allocated from Open Space funds for repair of Palomino Tennis Courts.

5. New Business

- a. Ivy Ross presented information on Environmental Finance Center. She feels that this will help to prioritize spending. Board of Supervisors wants OSTF to develop a list of priorities.
 - i. Priorities discussed:
 1. Trails and linkages
 2. Athletic fields
 3. Environmental Conservation
 4. Acquisition vs. Easement
 5. Gwyn Walton wants to add purchase of Lots 94 and 95 at Illg and funding to preserve the Illg barn to store athletic equipment (lacrosse field?)
 - ii. OSTF would like to see if EFC can come to next OSTF meeting.
 - iii. John McGowan and Ivy Ross will develop a draft letter to present to BOS for signature. The letter will also list the priorities identified by OSTF. Letter must be available to township by December 21.
- b. Snyder Property Condemnation – The Board of Supervisors has authorized the Township Solicitor to begin condemnation procedures to acquire the Snyder property on Bristol Road between Barness Park and Fox Subacute.
- c. Roy Rieder informed the OSTF that the township may consider re-zoning parcels containing open space and parklands as OS/P rather than retain the underlying zoning.

6. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes for August 14, 2013 and September 11, 2013 were approved.

7. Posting of Minutes

- a. The minutes for October 9, 2013 were posted.

8. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

9. Next Meeting – December 11, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Roy W. Rieder, P.E.
Director of Planning and Special Projects