



WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2014

7:30 pm

Attendance:

Name	Board/Committee
John McGowan	Open Space
Jordan Bires	Open Space
Fran McKee	Open Space
Ruth Schemm	Open Space – Parks & Rec
Ivy Ross	Open Space – EAC
Kathy Newcomb	Open Space

1. Call to Order: 7:30 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment – None

4. Old Business

- a. Three properties were evaluated at the request of the property owners.
 - i. Mussari Tract (TPN #50 004 105 007) – Advantages and disadvantages of acquisition by the township were discussed.
 - ii. Old Mill Farm Nursery Tract (#50 036 163) – The Task Force discussed the advantages of acquiring this property. The consensus was that this property should be the first priority for acquisition, if possible. Recommendations may be made following the June meeting.
 - iii. Braccia Tract (TPN# 50 004 025) – This was the most undesirable tract for acquisition. The presence of a monitoring well on the property could be an indication of environmental concerns.
- b. Open Space Planning – Fran McKee presented a flyer she had prepared detailing various vehicles that can be used to preserve land such as fee simple donation, donation with life estate, bequest, donation of conservation easements, bargain sales, and conservation-based development. A suggestion was made to prepare a poster-sized display for Warrington Day in addition to handouts.

5. New Business

- a. Ivy Ross discussed the most recent meeting with the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at the University of Maryland. There will be a joint meeting of the EAC and Open Space Task Force at 5:30 PM on June 11, 2014. Representatives from the EFC, Heritage Conservancy, and Natural Lands Trust will be available to discuss land preservation.

6. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes for March 12, 2014 were approved.

7. Posting of Minutes

- a. The minutes for April 9, 2014 were posted.

8. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.**9. Next Meeting** – June 11, 2014 at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:



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