



WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2014

7:30 pm

Attendance:

Name	Board/Committee
Jordan Bires	Open Space
Fran McKee	Open Space
Ruth Schemm	Open Space – Parks & Rec
Ivy Ross	Open Space – EAC
Kathy Newcomb	Open Space
Sharon Kaszan	Bike and Hike Committee
Timothy Tieperman	Township Manager
Roy Rieder	Director of Planning

1. Call to Order: 7:30 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment – None

4. Old Business

- a. The task force discussed the revised proposals submitted by the Heritage Conservancy and the Natural Lands Trust. The consensus of the task force was that either organization would be a good choice, but that the Natural Lands Trust proposal gave more direction and appeared to be more polished. They felt that the Natural Lands Trust would be a better choice for interface with the public. A motion was made by Ruth Schemm and seconded by Fran McKee; the vote was unanimous. Jordan Bires and Ruth Schemm will prepare a memorandum to the Board of Supervisors recommending selection of the Natural Lands Trust and summarizing the reasons for the recommendation. The memorandum will be submitted to the township by Wednesday, September 17 for possible inclusion in the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors. All of the members of the task force were encouraged to attend the Supervisors' meeting when selection of the Open Space Consultant is on the agenda for consideration.
- b. Ivy Ross contacted Fred Suffian by phone to get a summary of the results of his presentation on Open Space Priorities to the Board of Supervisors. He stated that the Board was supportive of the recommendations. The next step is to determine interest on the part of landowners. The desire of the Board of Supervisors is to spend the funding from Bucks County for the acquisition of open space before spending township open space funds. The consensus of the task force is that the Open Space consultant will be the expert in acquisitions and that they should take the lead in implementing the Board of Supervisors' priorities with input from the task force.

5. New Business

- a. Ivy Ross reported on an inquiry concerning TPN 50 004 022, 3679 Pickertown Road (Lapp Farm). The property is owned by Mrs. Lapp. Her son, Brian Bailey, contacted the township to see how the property could be preserved. He stated that his mother wants the property to be preserved as a farm and wants the property to remain in the family. When an Open Space consultant is selected, the township will coordinate with Mr. Bailey and the consultant to provide information to him that will be helpful in his effort to preserve the farm.
- b. Roy Rieder stated that the owner of 2048 Bunnel (TPN 50 031 028 015) had contacted the township regarding the possibility of preserving part of the property. The parcel is fully developed in the front, but is totally forested in the rear. Currently, the property does not appear on the list of priority acquisitions. There was some discussion that the preserved portion may not fit in with any current or future plans, but also realized that there was some value in preserving the forested area.

6. Other Business

- a. Ruth Schemm provided a report on the Braccia property (TPN #50 004 025) located on Stump Road. She said that a fuel tank had been removed, a locked well casing was visible on the property, and a file search at DEP did not provide any information concerning any cleanup on the property. She said she had been in contact with the owner's environmental consultant who had been very helpful, but the owner has not been forthcoming with any additional information at this time. Ms. Schemm made a motion that no further action be taken regarding this property at this time. Fran McKee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. There was discussion regarding coordination for Warrington Day to determine times for staffing the booth. Tim Tieperman said he would contact the Heritage Conservancy to get materials suitable for handouts.

7. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes of July 9, 2014 were approved unanimously

8. Posting of Minutes

- a. The minutes for August 25, 2014 were posted.

9. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.**10. Next Meeting** – October 8, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:



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