

# WARRINGTON OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

July 8, 2020 Minutes

- **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** Ivy Ross, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10. Present at the Zoom meeting were Ivy Ross, Chairperson; Kathy Newcomb, Secretary; Barbara Brown, Ted Cici, Ruth Schemm, Board of Supervisors Liaison; Fred Gaines and Eileen Albillar, Board of Supervisors. Joanne Mancini, Park and rec Liaison, participated by chat  
Ms. Ross led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Public Comment:** Came later in meeting. See “Not on Agenda” below.
- **Minutes from the June meeting** were approved.
- **Business:**
  - a. **Master Plan with Natural Lands - In Person Interviews**

About a dozen Warrington residents were suggested to be interviewed by Rick Trailes. About 5 were chosen as likely participants. They included Connie Ace, Frank Ace, John Paul, Janice DeVito, Jim Furlong, Michael Lamond and Steve Harris.  
A kickoff meeting was suggested that would include EAC, Open Space, and Park and Rec. They will start with field work
  - b. **Trail Construction: 202 to Bradford Dam Trail**

Funders will be recognized on the signage. Bucks Beautiful has cancelled tree donations for this year. There may be grants available for reduction in cost of trees to be used to buffer/shade the trail.
  - c. **Cardamone Plan.**

Revised plan is going back to Planning Commission.
  - d. **Parcel off of Bristol Road**

The landowner at 2796 Bristol Rd, next to Barness Park, has contacted the township about purchasing a portion of their land. It borders Gargas property. Discussion among attendees concluded that there was no apparent benefit to adding this land to township open space.
  - e. **Open Space Signs – Acreage, Sites and Presentation to Board of Supervisors**

Further discussions on content and placement of signs. The Mill Creek Preserve sign will need to be approved by the funding agencies. Eileen Albillar suggested an additional interpretive sign at the entrance to the park.
- Not on Agenda**

An anonymous question was submitted about the Truck Patch (McNaney) property. To date, the township has seen no further action regarding the property. But this generated some discussion about the proposed demolition of the historic house on the property. Everyone is interested in seeing this part of township history preserved. Various suggestions regarding it’s preservation were aired. The general township stance seems to be to discourage the owner from demolishing the house.  
There was also discussion about a farmer who wants to farm agricultural open space in the township and how this will be handled.
- **Adjournment.** Ms Newcomb moved to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Ms Brown seconded and the motion passed without an objection being heard.