

WARRINGTON OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
November 11, 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, Sharon Kaszan, Carol Rice, Rick Weiss, Park and Rec Liaison Ruth Schemm, Board of Supervisors Liaison; Fred Gaines, Board of Supervisors.
Ms. Ross led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Public Comment:** Kathy Newcomb addressed the Committee concerning the impact the 202 connector trail through the Weisel Preserve has had on her property. She related several occurrences of people wandering off the trail and onto her property. The presence of horses on the property creates an attraction for people to come “see” them. She asked what things the township might do to mitigate this happening.
- **Business:**
 - a. **Conservation Easement on IPW**
Being worked on. There is concern to include the entire Park and not just IPW. Signage for the parking area was discussed.
 - b. **PECO Grant for Weisel Preserve**
Ivy has applied for the Grant. She reported that Natural Lands likes the grant. There will be improvements along the trail through the Preserve, including trees and shrubs, a pollinator habitat and benches.
 - c. **New Trail for Section “B”.**
Ivy will be submitting grant Friday, November 13, 2020. .
 - d. **Wetland Buffer Zones**
EAC recommends wetland and stream buffers to be 100 feet. Planning Commission wants to change wetland buffers to 50, despite the EAC’s strong recommendation.
 - e. **Montgomery Gardens Plan**
Applicant has not been back with a new plan.
 - f. **McNaney Property**
Committee headed by Bill Connolly of Planning Commission and Supervisor Ruth Schemm will work towards a compromise on the development plan, with the goal of preserving the historic house on the property.
 - g. **Master Plan with Natural Lands and Combined Meeting**
Progress is being made.
 - h. **Solar Farm**
The Township would like to establish a solar farm to defray energy costs to the township facilities. Possible locations were mentioned. The possibility of locating it on the Weisel Preserve was not met with enthusiasm. Natural Lands does not favor this use, citing that it is an industrial use and not appropriate for a Preserve. The Archdiocese property, likely slated for Industrial development, was discussed as a more appropriate location.
 - i. **Open Space Signs**
Ivy reports that the 24 18x24 signs should be completed next week and hopefully installed in about 2 weeks. Larger signs should be completed in about 4 weeks. Additional interpretive signs will be addressed by the Historic Commission.
- **Adjournment.** Ms Kaszan moved to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Ms Brown seconded and the motion passed without an objection being heard.