

WARRINGTON OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

April 2023 Minutes

- **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** Ivy Ross, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00` pm. Ms. Ross led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending at the Hybrid meeting were:

Ivy Ross, Chairperson	Sharon Kaszon	Guy Powell
Bill Connolly, Vice Chair	Ruth Schemm, BOS Liaison	Bonnie Stetson
Kathy Newcomb, Secretary	Dan Merz	Mike Diorka
Barbara Brown	Fred Suffian	

We were joined by a number of people to hear Tim Hayes and Miah Hornyak of PennFuture & Conservation Voters of PA present Environmentally Advocacy 101 at 7 pm.

- **Public Comment:** Katie McCauley updated the Committee on her plans to put in a pollinator garden near the bird blind in Lower Nike Park .

- **Business:**

- a) **Master Plan Update**

Bill Connolly reported that currently the only focus is Mill Creek Preserve. At the next meeting Public Safety and Emergency Management will be addressed. On April first the live stake team planted stakes along the banks of Mill Creek

- b) **Pond to Wetland Conversion Update**

Budget approved by BOS.

- c) **Wednesdays in the Watershed**

Invasives were removed from Lion's Pride Park. The Watershed Stewards will be removing invasives from Weisel Preserve next.

- d) **April 1 Stream Health Project - Wrap Up**

Karen Ogden of Bucks County Conservation District did a presentation on water quality. A third event will be held at Warrington Day in September.

- e) **Day of Community Service**

May 20, rain date, May 21 at Lion's Pride Pavilion

- f, h) **Discussion of Conservation Easements**

A property owner off of Pickertown Road contacted the township concerning selling a part of their parcel to the township as open space. Committee voted to contact owner suggesting a conservation easement on a portion of his property.

- g) **Trees on Conservation Easements - (Need for ordinance)**

The need for some procedure for removing trees on conservation areas was discussed

A separate discussion on the impact of Open Space on property values ensued. Bill Connolly shared some statistics of studies done. He will write an article for an upcoming issue of the Link.

- i) **Approval Of Minutes**

Approval of February and March 2023 minutes with no objections.

- **Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm.