

WARRINGTON OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

September 2023 Minutes

- **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** Ivy Ross, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 pm. Ms. Ross led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending at the Hybrid meeting were

Ivy Ross, Chairperson	Ruth Schemm, BOS Liaison	Fred Gaines
Bill Connolly, Vice Chair	Fred Suffian	Mile Diorka
Kathy Newcomb, Secretary	Bonnie Stetson	Sue Mitchell
Barbara Brown	Dan Merz	Scott Vogin
Sharon Kaszon	Guy Powell	Brian Tuberty

- **Public Comment:** Committee members discussed value of volunteer luncheon and agreed it was beneficial. Also informed that township engineer will investigate sidewalks and see where additional are needed to connect all.

Ken Jones lecture was cancelled.

- **Business:**

a) **Master Plan Ad-Hoc Committee Update**

Bill Connolly reported that the committee has been meeting for 8 or 9 months and must decide whether or not to accept the Master plan or make changes. Barbara Brown expressed the repeated concern this committee has had that all other committees have input before the plan is presented to the BOS. The Ad Hoc committee should not circumvent the Boards. Dan Merz shared that the existing facilities are falling into disrepair and Park and Rec will take a fiscal approach. Some additional discussion ensued concerning the need for sidewalks and that there are no ADA accessible bathrooms in the township building. Ivy said grant money exists for sidewalks.

b) **Warrington Day**

Ivy is working on a map that shows all the open space parcels with their level of protection. There will also be a sample open space sign. Karen Ogden will be at the EAC booth. Pollinator plugs will be available.

c) **Pond to Wetland Conversion Update - Ms Ross**

Work began today, September 13! Two weeks will be spent dewatering the pond, using nets to catch the invasives. A one year extension on the grant will be necessary as Princeton Hydro, the contractor, has advised splitting new plantings between this Fall and next Spring.

d) **Open Space and Land Preservation Township Website- Ms. Share**

Intern Lisa Share has planned out all the tracks. Ivy has reviewed the plans so far and will send to members.

e) **Discussion on Educating Residents Adjacent to Open Space- Group**

Bill Connolly suggested mailing information on encroachment on township open space to adjacent homeowners. Developers are required to share maps detailing open space with potential home buyers. Subject to be addressed further at next meeting.

f) **Kane Tract, Development at Oakfield and Georges Lane & 611- Mr. Connolly**

The Kane tract at Bristol and Turk Roads will consist of 8 lots. One lot will contain the existing house. The parcel is environmentally sensitive and contains a lot of wetlands. The developer will be going before the Zoning Hearing Board to request more deforestation than the zoning allows.

j) **Approval Of Minutes**

Approval of July 2023 minutes were approved.

- **Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:25 pm.