

WARRINGTON OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

October 2023 Minutes

- **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** Ivy Ross, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:40 pm. Ms. Ross led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending at the Hybrid meeting were

Ivy Ross, Chairperson	Bonnie Stetson	Scott Vagin
Bill Connolly, Vice Chair	Guy Powell	Andrew Macauley
Kathy Newcomb, Secretary	Fred Gaines	Lisa Share
Sharon Kaszon	Mile Diorka	Joanne Mancini
Ruth Schemm, BOS Liaison	Sue Mitchell	Mike Delaney, Ed Hawkey

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Heidi Shiver from Bird Town USA

- **Public Comment:** None.

- **Business:**

a) Master Plan Ad-Hoc Committee Final Presentation- Mr. Connolly

Bill Connolly reported that the Master plan was to be adopted one year ago. Due to an inflammatory letter containing misinformation there was input from a number of residents in regard to Mill Creek Preserve. This resulted in the formation of an Ad Hoc committee. Only the Mill Creek Preserve was addressed by the committee. Copies of the final recommendations from the committee were made available. It was noted that due to the grants made available to purchase the parcel some things were required. These included 1) open to the public, 2) cessation of farming, 3) ADA accessible. One significant point to be added to the plan was to have water testing of the stream running through the preserve. The cost of maintaining the preserve was raised. Once a year mowing at Mill Creek Preserve is covered under the DCNR grant. Other related committees will have opportunity to review and comment on the revised plan.

b) Pond to Wetland Conversion Update- Ms. Ross

The Uplift Project at Lion's Pride Park is currently in the dewatering stage.

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

Intern Lisa Share reviewed the tabs she has created for the website. Members made recommendations on things that could be added.

d) Visit To Emerson Farms- Ms. Ross

Heritage Conservancy holds the easement and did a baseline report. It is apparent some residents don't know about encroachment on township open space. Suggestions were made to put up markers. The builder will be replacing dead trees on Emerson Preserve.

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

Some of this was discussed in the previous point. Kris Kern of Heritage Conservancy will be doing a presentation before the December 2023 Open Space meeting and will be available for input on this.

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

Mr. Connolly reported on the progress of the 14 acre Kane tract near Bristol and Turk roads. The development will consist of 7 new lots. The existing house will be preserved. A plan presented in May 2023 showed house being built in riparian buffers and will have to be revised. The plan has not come back to the Planning Commission as of this date. The Oakfield parcel is heavily wooded. Georges Lane has old houses. Plans presented so far have been too dense and the Zoning Board has denied variances. Right now all three parcels are on hold.

j) Approval Of Minutes

September 2023 minutes were approved.

- **Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:17 pm.