

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
August 1, 2006

Call to Order: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Open Space Committee was called to order by Vice Chairperson Charlie Moyer at 7:30 p.m. Also present: committee members Andy Dinsmore, Joe Salvatore, Jeanne Scanlon, and Sandy Williamson; and township supervisor Barbara Salvatore. Jeff Lapp and Donna DiMella were on vacation.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July 11, 2006 regularly scheduled Open Space Committee meeting were reviewed and approved with one change to the wording of the third-to-last sentence regarding rewriting the Open Space Plan.

New Business: Charlie distributed copies of an application submitted by the red property. Charlie will set up a meeting as a first step.

Sandy reported some highlights from recent Supervisors' Meetings. If the noncontiguous-open-space ordinance is not instated soon, White Chimney will move forward with the original development plan.

Sandy wondered if there were any role for the Committee regarding annoying Canada geese in the township. Andy volunteered to give some helpful hints for homeowners to Ken Bennington to post on the website.

Andy reported he is working with the Parks and Recreation Committee on a composting demonstration for the Halloween Festival. Another joint P&C/Open Space project that is being considered is a streamside riparian buffer demonstration, with Earth Day 2007 as a possible target date. There followed a discussion about certain township-owned land that may be suitable for these activities.

Sandy said she would follow up with the PSBI neighbors on their January inquiry that led to a conversation about contiguous property owners preserving land as a group.

Jeanne reported feedback she received from Natural Lands Trust, the administrator of the PECO grant program, on last year's declination: earmarking a grant for a particular property might be looked upon more favorably than requesting dollars for the general open space fund. Barbara suggested pursuing a grant for the purchase of hardware to accommodate Geomatica software, which aids in visualizing data for conservation development. The wish list is for 2 computers, 4 handhelds, a printer and projector.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.