

Open Space Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 24, 2018 – 5pm

- Jody Reinbold, Chair (Term expiring 12/31/19)
- Katie Weidner (Term expiring 12/21/20)
- Jeff Goldberg (Term expiring 12/31/21)
- Don Cook, and EAC Member (Term expiring 12/31/18)
- Sara Shick, and West Vincent Planning Commission (Term expiring 12/31/18)
- Bernie Couris, Board of Supervisor Liaison (non-voting)
- Dave Weber, West Vincent Sustainability Liaison (non-voting)
- Erica Batdorf, West Vincent Township Manager (non-voting)

Guest: Jane Heim (EAC), Brian Curry, Pan Brown (F&PCCT), Harriett Stone, Yvonne Brownlee, Martha Thoma

Called to Order at 5:05pm

Motion made by Katie Weider to approve the minutes from our Monday, March 26, 2018 joint meeting with BOS.
Seconded by Don Cook, passed unanimously

Erica Batdorf, Township Manager, presented the Accounting of Present Open Space funds as of 4/24/18. The Open Space Fund Balance is \$2,199,042.26 (which includes the open space maintenance fund of \$654,062.12). Our current outstanding commitments are \$1,604,062.12 for Bryn Coed (which includes the land of \$950k plus demolition of cow palace which is, not to exceed \$654,062.12). Therefore \$594,980.15 is available to pay the debt service as well as to be used to preserve open space.

The land closing of Bryn Coed is very close. Erica Batdorf is thinking the end of April 2018.

According to Pam Brown, the West Vincent Land Trust has offered to pay for an appraisal for the parcel located on St Matthews consisting of 52.38 acre. The owners / developers would like to retain 4 lots for a subdivision and therefore sell 15 TDR's. The appraisal should be completed by the end of May 2018. Pam Brown (F&PCCT) has offered to discuss a conservation easement with land owner and apply for grant funding and has been in contact with this land owner.

Caroll Engineering will be updating a Township preserved map. Jody Reinbold will review the map again for missing township owned parcels as well as other preserved parcels. Our goal is to have it completed for table at "Festival in the Park" 6/9/18. We would like this preserved map to help us determine parcels over 100 acres, 25 acres, 10 acres NOT preserved

We are working to develop a wish list of available parcels not conserved. We might need to have a working meeting or an executive session. Once we develop this list, we can consider sending a targeted letter to those land owners that we identify.

We need to review our Current Ranking of Interested parcels

Currently, we meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5pm. We discussed changing the time of meetings to accommodate more interested individuals, however, we need to advertise the change and we decided that we don't want the township to incur this expense. In the future, if we need to change a meeting, then we will consider moving the time later in the day.

Mike Schneider, Township Supervisor, Erica Batdorf, Township Manager, Molly Morrison and Peter Williamson of Natural Lands had a meeting with a land owner @ Pughtown and St Matthews. As of now, they are aware that the township and Natural Lands will help them preserve their property. However, they are not interested at this time in

preserving their land. They do not wait to sell and they have no plans in selling to a developer. Bernie Couris, Township Supervisor, would like us to consider other parcels to preserve since this land owner is not interested.

Katie Weidner made a motion to adjourn our meeting at 5:50pm. Seconded by Sara Shick, passed unanimously

Next Meeting: May 22, 2018 at 5pm