

Open Space Review Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 –7pm

Via Zoom

- Jody Reinbold (Term expiring 12/31/24)
- ~~Jessie Miller, West Vincent Planning Commission (Term expiring 12/31/22 or until his term expires 12/31/24)~~
- Donna Delany, EAC Member (Term expiring 12/31/23 or until her term expires 12/31/23)
- Jim Bergey (Term expiring 12/31/25)
- Nick Rotoli (Term expiring 12/31/26)
- Bernie Couris, Board of Supervisor Liaison (non-voting)
- ~~John Granger, West Vincent Township Manager (non-voting)~~

Guests: Kathryn Shillenn, Yvonne Brownlee, Sara Shick, Peter Benton, Dana & Ken Alan

Jody Reinbold called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Jim Bergey made a motion to approval of minutes from our Tuesday, February 22, 2022 meeting, seconded by Donna Delany, passes unanimously.

Old Business:

- Goals for future of committee
 - Ongoing communication with the Township Manager about preserving open space and township parcels.
 - Develop a summary of past TDR purchases and transactions to detail what has been conserved and what is still available to save, including need a summary of TDRs removed, through our program and outside of township funds.
 - Contact the interested parcel owners, via a letter
 - Contact our “wish list” parcel owners, via a letter
 - Educate the public about our open space program, via the township newsletter
 - Watch property transactions in the township
 - Consider adding a stewardship component
 - Consider adding possible benchmarks
 - Appraisals
 - Negotiations
- Status of parcels with previous motions to the BOS:
 - Property at 1342 Shady Lane – 12.6 acre (5 TDR’s) lots - based on criteria evaluation #1
 - Property at 1352 Shady Lane – 7.1 acre (3TDR’s) lots - based on criteria evaluation #2
 - Property at 175 Cedar Lane – 26 acres (10 TDR’s ?) horse farm - based on criteria evaluation #3The township has asked for appraisals of these parcels.
- Need to meet with the landowner of 2730 Horseshow Trail Road to discuss possible TDR deal or easement deal. Then will need to rate. – Jody Reinbold will follow up on this in April 2022.

- Pam Brown, French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust possible easements / open space funds:
 - 24 acre parcel - East Nantmeal Township (19 acres) and West Vincent Township (5 acres) Pam Brown passed information about easements to the owners children – will need to rate
- Wish list parcels for letter

New Business:

- Peter Benton to explain “Historic District” which is on our Criteria Sheet:
In the late 1990’s the West Vincent Township Highlands and Historic District areas were established and recognized at the Federal and State Level as an level of protection (preservation) and to help with local township zoning.
- West Vincent Community Day (5/14/22 from 10am – 3pm) Table and Volunteers – Jim Bergey can volunteer at the tables. If our table is near EAC, then Donna Delany can help as well. Jody Reinbold will contact the Township to request a table and mention, the proximity to others.

Public Comment:

Donna Delany made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Bergey, passes unanimously.

Next Meeting:

April 26, 2022; May 24, 2022; June 28, 2022; July 26, 2022; August 23, 2022; September 27, 2022;
October 25, 2022; November 22, 2022; December 27, 2022