

## Open Space Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 – 7pm

Meeting held via Zoom and call in due to pandemic

- Jody Reinbold, Chair (Term expiring 12/31/24)
- Jeff Goldberg (Term expiring 12/31/21)
- ~~Jessie Miller, West Vincent Planning Commission (Term expiring 12/31/22 or until his term expires 12/31/24)~~
- Barb Mueller, EAC Member (Term expiring 12/31/23 or until her term expires 12/31/21)
- Jim Bergey (Term expiring 12/31/25)
- ~~Bernie Couris, Board of Supervisor Liaison (non-voting)~~
- ~~John Granger, West Vincent Township Manager (non-voting)~~

Guests: Sara Shick, Dana Alan, Kathryn Shillenn

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Jody Reinbold, Chair

Welcome Jessie Miller, new member

Barb Mueller made a motion to approve minutes from our Tuesday, April 27, 2021 meeting, seconded by Jeff Goldberg, passes unanimously.

Jody Reinbold presented the Accounting of Present Open Space funds prepared by Michele Hogrelius (West Vincent Township Treasurer). As of May 25, 2021, the open space checking account was \$1,914,680.93 and the open space maintenance fund was \$681,933.71 for a total cash balance of \$2,596,614.64. The outstanding open space commitments are the BOS approved commitment of \$278,390 for 1830 St Matthews Road to be used towards their easement. And open space debt service due in December 2021 for interest and principal of \$41,227.50 and \$415,000 respectively. Therefore, leaving a balance of available open space funds of \$1,861,977.14. We also noted that \$41,227.50 was paid in June for the open space debt service interest.

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, and educate the public about our open space program.

The Township’s legal department is reviewing the transaction of a non-resident landowner who wants to donate 11 TDR’s to the Township to be extinguished.

Pam Brown, French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust was able to get additional county funding for the parcel located at 1830 St Matthews Road, partially in thanks to the open space financial commitment.

Barb Mueller made a motion to adjourn our meeting at 7:21pm, seconded by Jeff Goldberg, passes unanimously.

**Next Meeting:**

June 22, 2021: July 27, 2021: August 24, 2021: September 28, 2021: October 26, 2021: November 23, 2021: December 28, 2021