

Open Space Review Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 – 7pm

- 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: Kathryn Shillenn, Sara Shick, Harriett Stone, Yvonne Brownlee, Donna Delany

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Motion by Jim Bergey to approve minutes from our Tuesday, September 28, 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 10/26/21, the open space checking account balance was \$2,036,644.86 and the open space maintenance fund balance was \$682,475.89 for a total cash balance of \$2,719,120.75. The outstanding open space commitments are for debt service interest and principal paid in December 2021 of \$41,227.50 and \$415,000 respectively. Therefore, leaving a balance in open space funds of \$2,262,893.25.

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
- Pam Brown, French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust possible easements / open space funds:
 - Parcel located at 1825 Kimberton Road, 2 TDR’s remaining after TDR deal several years ago – open space committee need to confirm remaining TDR’s
 - 24 acre parcel - East Nantmeal Township (19 acres) and West Vincent Township (5 acres) Pam Brown passed information about easements to the owners children
 - 10.7 acres at 2263 Beaver Hill Road (3 TDR’s) – we have a TDR worksheet that was prepared
- Landowner on Sheeder Mill Road – open space committee needs to verify the number of TDR’s based on the deed (2-3 TDR’s)

New Business:

Dates of November and December meetings

- Thursday 11/11 @ 7pm instead of 11/23 (the week of thanksgiving)
- Monday 12/13 @ 7pm instead of 12/28 (the week between Christmas and New Year)

In person preferred or else via Zoom for November and December.

Public Comment:

Motion by Jeff Goldberg to adjourn meeting at 7:19, seconded by Jim Bergey, passes unanimously

Next Meeting:

November 11, 2021: December 13, 2021