

# West Pikeland Land Trust

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**MEETING MINUTES**  
February 23, 2009

Attendance: Richard Bright (BOS appointee), Curt Grogan, Mike Groman, Suzanne Kaplan, Lisa Lacroix, Melinda Mercurio, Sean O'Neill, Kim O'Rourke, Jim Rowan, Tim Teetz, Teresa Wood, Ann Orth and Tom Williams

Absent: Ted Gacomis and Meade Rudasill  
Guests: Tripp McOrmond and Bill Richmond

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## **1. Minutes of Meeting**

Minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting held on January 26, 2009 were reviewed. Lisa Lacroix motioned to approve, Jim Rowan seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

## **2. Review of 2009 Committee Spreadsheet and Contact Sheet**

Committee assignments updated as follows:

Need a new chair for the Monitoring and Stewardship committee.  
Ann Orth is chair for Grants.  
Jim Rowan is chair of Development.

## **3. Fundraising Support**

Bill Richmond and Jim Rowan presented several ideas using Bill Richmond's photography as a means for fundraising, including framed photography of Chester Springs scenery and a box of note cards with photographs of Chester Springs on them. These items would either be sold as a fundraising tool or given away to donors based on certain levels of donations, i.e. a \$250 donation would receive a box of the note cards.

## **4. WPLT Vision Discussion**

Melinda Mercurio facilitated a discussion for WPLT vision. Melinda will synthesize all the input for discussion at the March 2009 meeting.

## **5. 2009 Committee Budget Preparation and Review**

Teresa Wood provided a financial review of FY 2008 results (balance sheet and profit/loss statement). For 2008, WPLT's revenues exceeded its expenses by \$8,970 due mainly to: (a) a successful '07 membership appeal (a number of donations were received in the 1st quarter 2008) and (b) recognition of a matching donation from an anonymous resident for the LT meeting its goal. Teresa noted that the

original budget had projected a net excess of expenses over revenues that was predicated on a very active year in land preservation initiatives. However, due to the length of time required by the township to select its Open Space advisor, process all required ordinances and seat the OSAC, most projected revenues were not realized and expenses were not incurred.

The 2009 budget was also discussed. Committee chairman were asked to submit a draft to Teresa by the week of 3/16. However, results of the strategic discussion may delay completion by this time.

Teresa advised that she had met with Steve Ross and Joan Cox regarding Open Space Funds. Joan provided Teresa with two reports, a P & L report for January '09 and a transaction detail of the checking account. As of 1/31/09, Open Space Funds totaled \$269,522. Joan will provide this information on a monthly basis that Teresa will present to the Board.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **Open Space Advisory Subcommittee (Non-Landowner specific):**

No report was given.

**WPT Park & Recreation Trails Subcommittee:** Lisa requested WPLT Board member contact information for the Federation of Northern Chester County regarding a survey to be conducted.

**Communication:** Melinda reported Website usage for January 2009. She asked if our Website could link to           . Tom motioned to approve, Lisa seconded and the Board approved it.

**Monitoring and Stewardship:** Tom to call Maggie Adams.

**Development:** Ann reported that Tom Hilton and Peter Houseman are willing to come in May to give a talk.

**Grants:** Ann reported that the next round William Penn grants are in the fall.

**Education:** Mike requested to explore potential consultants and other resource providers regarding planning for roadside tree management in the township. Jim motioned to approve, Teresa seconded and the Board approved it.

**Strategic Planning:** No report was given

**Governance and Compliance:** No report was given.

**General and Administrative:** Curt passed around the survey questions for the Comprehensive Plan Task Force for review.

**Volunteer Coordination:** No report was given.

Jim motioned to close the meeting and Melinda seconded.

**The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on March 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Township Building**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim O'Rourke  
February 24, 2009