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MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2008

Attendance: Richard Bright (BOS appointee), Curt Grogan, Mike Groman, Suzanne Kaplan, Lisa Lacroix, Melinda Mercurio, Sean O'Neill, Jim Rowan, Teresa Wood

Absent: Ann Orth, Tom Williams

Guests: Mead Rudasill, Kim O'Rourke

1. Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting held on November 24, 2008 were reviewed. Motion was presented to approve, it was seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved as corrected with the proper spelling of Mike Groman's name.

2. Financial Report

The current financial report was postponed until the next meeting. It was noted for the 2008 appeal, a total of \$2,285 was received. It was recommended that all board members contribute to the Land Trust Fund toward the goal of 100% board participation. It was further encouraged that all board members contact friends and neighbors about contributing to the Land Trust Fund to increase resident township participation and financial support.

It was noted that all printing and premium costs have been covered for the fundraising appeal. Melinda suggested that all contributions be plotted out geographically so more targeted mailings can be made in the future. It was estimated that 80% of the contributions originate from north of Route 401.

Jim reported there was \$200,450 in the Open Space Fund and there were \$28,000 in expenditures to date.

3. Committee Reports

Open Space: Township is contracting for tree services.

Trails: Lisa reported for the trails subcommittee that the map of Pine Creek Park is complete. Copies are available from the

township office, at the PCP kiosk, and online through the township website.

A copy of the Regional Park and Recreation Plan proposal from Gannett Fleming was circulated. The plan involves interviews with township personnel, focus groups of township citizens, public workshops and surveys. A website specifically devoted to the project will be available for questions and updates. Podcasting of selected meetings of the project task force will also be available. At the January 13, 2009 Federation of Northern Chester County Communities meeting, members will be asked to bring a list of potential volunteers from each township who would like to participate in focus groups. Lisa asked for volunteers and suggested that representatives of each of the township committees be contacted to request a volunteer from each group.

Lisa was asked by supervisor Bob Barker to join the Township Comprehensive Plan Committee to provide a link between the township comprehensive plan and the regional plan.

Communication: Melinda reported that November 20, 2008 was the busiest time so far on the Web site with 366 hits. She believes that the pipeline information is the biggest draw. Melinda proposed that the board participate in a field trip to view any properties in discussion, township lines, etc. Curt indicated he would follow up with an e-mail about the field trip plans.

Monitoring and Stewardship: It was noted that Tom would continue to dialogue with the township to help them monitor its own easements.

Development & Grants: No report was given.

Education: No report was given.

Strategic Planning: Suzanne will provide last quarter's report to the Board of Supervisors. She has requested that committee chairs please submit their annual reports to her by no later than January 5, 2009.

Governance and Compliance: Jim noted that Joan Matthews, on behalf the Planning Commission, requested volunteers from the WPLT for the Environmental Advisory Council. They have four (4) members now; they need at least five (5).

General and Administrative: No report was given.

4. Tree Maintenance by Township and Utilities

Mike drafted the letter to the Township with recommendations on how to put together a management plan, as a Township resource, for proper tree maintenance. Melinda noted that homeowners do have the right to have their own arborist there during the tree trimming process. PECO has indicated they are willing to work with the Township regarding their tree maintenance crews. Jim motioned to prepare the letter as drafted and send it to the BOS and Township Manager.

**5. 2009 Officers and Committee Chairs, Board Member Candidates —
J. Rowan/C. Grogan**

Jim is recommending Ted Gacomis, an original member of the Open Space Committee, to take Curt Grogan's position as Vice President of WPLT. Then Curt Grogan will take Jim's position as President of WPLT. It was also noted that Tim Teets be considered for board membership.

6. January Reorganizational and Farewell Meeting

The next meeting the WPLT will be saying good-bye to Suzanne.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on January 26, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Township Building

Respectfully submitted,
Kim O'Rourke
December 22, 2008

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[awaiting information]