

APPROVED
Approved Minutes of Meeting
West Pikeland Township Open Space Advisory Subcommittee
May 14, 2009

A regular meeting of the West Pikeland Township Open Space Advisory Subcommittee was convened on May 14, 2009, at the Township Building at 1645 Art School Road in Chester Springs, Pa.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ted Gacomis, Chairman. Other Subcommittee Members in attendance were Jim Rowan, Bob Haskell, Teresa Wood, Curt Grogan, Bob Plater-Zyberk, and Sean O'Neill. Also present was Jack Stefferud, of Natural Lands Trust.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

On motion made by Bob Haskell, seconded by Jim Rowan, the committee members unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2009 meeting.

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

No members of the public were present to be heard.

GENERAL ACTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Ted Gacomis reported that the Township is considering placing easements on Township - owned properties, not presently eased. The members discussed whether and how to proceed with the recommendation on the issue. A question was raised as to the costs associated with easing the properties. It was suggested that there may be endowment funding costs arising from such easements. Sean O'Neill questioned why there would be endowment needed since these are already properties owned and maintained by the Township and the Township would not be concerned with qualifying for tax treatment.

Ted Gacomis noted that, for example, that portions of Pine Creek Park are not restricted by easement. Jim Rowan stated that 14 acres of the park are unrestricted.

Sean O'Neill suggested that a starting point would be to obtain title information certificates on all Township owned properties and that this could be more efficiently handled by a title insurance agency then trying to do this research through Natural Lands Trust or volunteer efforts. He will secure an estimate of the costs. Jack Stefferud will prepare a list of the Township owned properties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7: 15 p.m., Ted Gacomis ask to suspend the open meeting and convene the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Following conclusion of the Executive Session, and return to the open meeting, on motion by Curt Grogan, seconded by Teresa Wood, the members animously resolved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sean O'Neill, Secretary

