Salford Township Open Space Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2018

Present:	Fred Moyer (Park Board), Melody Leithold, Tim Clemens (Finance), Barb McMonagle
Absent:	Jeanine Harrell, John Feldi
Guest:	

I. Announcements

None.

II. Discussion

1. Meeting started at 7:30 p.m.
2. The meeting minutes from 7/17/18 were approved.
3. The Open Space Committee reviewed its priority list of properties under consideration for easements or acquisition and additional potential properties.
4. DiDomizio Property (2 adjacent lots) – 3 Applications have been submitted for grants.
   1) Montco 2040 Implementation Grant – We did not receive funding but were told by Montgomery County that they supported our project.
   2) Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR) – We are waiting to hear.
   3) Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) – We are waiting to hear.
5. Mosher Farm (Hay) – Margie applied to the Montgomery County Farm Preservation Program in 2016 to preserve her 38 acre property on Fretz Rd. A neighbor asked to purchase a strip of land for an access easement to his property. The subdivision is completed. She is now planning to sell this property.
6. WB 5 acres – Tylersport Community Park – The townships goal is to complete the park this year. The pavilion is almost finished. Tables have been purchased for under the pavilion. A swing set is going in. Additional grading is complete. A grant received from DCNR for $40,000 will cover 50% of the costs with the remaining 50% coming from Salford Township.
7. Whites Mill Preserve & Dam – The Park Board will be putting in a budget request for 2019 for treating the lily pads. Continued use of the dam for fishing is causing the dam head to break down further. The Park Board is still working on ideas for a platform. They are concerned as well that the dam is getting narrower with large rocks now exposed on the edge. Doug is going to check it out with the township engineer.
8. Newsletter – An article was written for the upcoming newsletter. Not sure when it will come out.
9. Invasive vegetation update – 2 new areas of bamboo have been identified on Whites Mill not far from the preserve. Fred will contact the property owners.
10. Spotted Lanternfly – They are everywhere. There are no known predators.
11. King Road Bridge – The bridge is still closed.
12. Moyer Road Bridge – The bridge is still closed.
13. 2019 Budget – Open Space Committee will request money in next years' budget to cover 50% of the acquisition costs of the DiDomizio lots. Appraised Value: $180,000 ÷ 2 = $90,000 plus approximately $10,000 costs (survey, environmental study, legal fees) = $100,000. Barb will make the request to the Board of Supervisors and the Finance Committee.
14. Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.