Salford Township Open Space Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2022

Present:	Melody Leithold, Tim Clemens (Finance Committee, Fred Moyer (Park Board),) Barb McMonagle
Absent:	John Feldi
Guests:	Jake Kratz, Natural Lands

I. Announcements,

None

II. Discussion

1. The meeting started at 7:30 pm at the township building.
2. We all welcomed Jake Kratz from Natural Lands. Barb gave a summary of what the Open Space Committee discusses every other month.
3. The Meeting minutes from January 18, 2022 were reviewed and approved.
4. The Open Space Committee reviewed its priority list of properties under consideration for easements or acquisition and additional potential properties. We learned NL is looking at some of the properties on our list as well.
5. Clemens Property - Jake Kratz from Natural Lands (NL) spoke about the Clemens Property, 7.3 acres at Hausman Rd. & Camp Green Lane Rd., and shared a booklet with information about the property with maps, aerial photos, and area information. He explained how it fits into NL's long-range plan for the area. NL is moving forward with purchasing this property to add to their Fulshaw Craeg Preserve. NL now has an agreement of sale and are applying for grants from Montgomery County and DCNR. Jake asked if the township would provide a Letter of Support and contribute to the conservation of this property. A motion was made to support the Letter of Support and contribution. All members were in favor and voted 3-0, Tim abstained. Barb will follow up with the Board of Supervisors.
6. Myers property – 27.37 acres on Camp Green Lane Rd. Jim and Sue Myers have accepted the Montgomery County Farm Board offer to preserve their farm. No update.
7. WB 5 acres – Tylersport Community Park – The Park Board's wish list includes adding a Pickleball Court and Bocce Ball. Bids for a sign are out. The PB is looking into ground tire mulch vs wood mulch for the playground.
8. Whites Mill Preserve –
   1) Whites Mill Dam – The dam is still eroding.
   2) Floating Dock System for Whites Mill Pond – A floating dock system similar to the one at Skymount Lake in Marlborough Township is moving forward. An application for the Schuylkill Highlands Mini-Grant was denied. We spoke about it. Salford could apply again or look at other grant programs. We will reach out to Marlborough Township and find out how they funded their dock system. The Open Space Committee supports this project.
9. King Road Bridge – The bridge is still closed. No update.
10. Hausman Road Bridge – The bridge is closed. A prefab bridge appears to be the most economical option to replace the bridge on Hausman Rd. Its replacement cost will be around $300,000. Tim mentioned there are funds coming to the township from the Infrastructure Bill which could be a source of funding for the bridge replacement.
11. Invasive vegetation – No Update – it's winter.
12. Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Next meeting May 17, 2022 at 7:30 at the township building.