Salford Township Open Space Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2023

Present:	Tim Clemens (Finance Committee), Barb McMonagle
Absent:	Fred Moyer, John Feldi, Melody Leithold
Guests:	Jim Myers, Board of Supervisors

I. Announcements,

II. Discussion

1. The meeting started at 7:36 pm at the township building.
2. The meeting minutes from January 17, 2023 were tabled.
3. Barb attended Jim and Sue Myers' Maple Open House at their Ridge Valley Farm on Camp Green Lane Road on March 19th and saw how maple syrup is made.
4. The Open Space Committee reviewed its priority list of properties under consideration for easements or acquisition and additional potential properties.
5. Clemens Property – Settlement is scheduled for March 31st for Natural Lands to purchase the Clemens property - 7.3 acres located at Hausman Rd. & Camp Green Lane Rd. Funding for this purchase by Natural Lands consists of grants from Montgomery County, DCNR, and a donation from Salford Township. This property will be an additional to Natural Lands Fulshaw Craeg Preserve.
6. King Road Bridge – The bridge is still closed. Montgomery County put up a barrier. The Montgomery County Roads & Bridges has not responded to calls from the township.
7. WB 5 acres – Tylersport Community Park – Electric is now in but we are still waiting for the meter & junction box. The plan is to bring electric to the pavilion. Water is also planned for the pavilion and maybe to the playground.
8. Whites Mill Preserve –
   1) Whites Mill Dam – The township has made some repairs to the dam. Boulders were added to the pond side, reinforced and the dam area was graded. The fire company can now access the pond and fishing off the boulders is possible.
   2) Floating Dock System for Whites Mill Pond – Boulders as part of the dam repair will prohibit having the floating dock where it was planned.
9. Invasive vegetation – No update
10. Emerald Ash Borer – The ash borers have been very active in the township. There are a lot of dead trees. The utility companies have been trimming the tops of the trees back and leaving tall stumps. Tim received a letter from PECO asking permission to take down an ash tree on his property.
11. Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy is planning a Stream Cleanup at Whites Mill Preserve on 4/15/23 from 9am – Noon. Jim is planning to attend.
12. Barb shared information about the We Conserve PA Annual Conference in Reading on 4/26-28/23.
13. Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.

Next meeting May 16, 2023 at 7:30 at the township building.