

Salford Township Open Space Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2021

Present: John Feldi, Tim Clemens (Finance Committee), Barb McMonagle

Absent: Melody Leithold, Fred Moyer (Park Board), Jeanine Harrell,

Guest: None

I. Announcements

None

II. Discussion

1. The meeting started at 7:30 pm at the township building.
2. The March Meeting minutes were tabled until July.
3. The Open Space Committee reviewed its priority list of properties under consideration for easements or acquisition and additional potential properties.
4. Lutchendorf property – 86.18 acres at Allentown and County Line Rds. The Lutchendorf's have accepted an offer from the Montgomery County Farm Board in 2020. Settlement is expected in 2021.
5. WB 5 acres – Tylersport Community Park – No update.
6. Whites Mill Preserve –
 - 1) Whites Mill Research Project: In 2019 we were contacted by Roger Latham, Ph.D. from Continental Conservation. He is working on a DCNR research project studying native plant meadows in SE PA, DE & MD and is studying our Whites Mill Meadow. They are measuring for threatened and endangered plants known to be in our area by installing small markers which will be observed several times a year and by taking small soil samples. Their study was delayed due to COVID-19 and the weather. No update.
 - 2) Floating Dock System for Whites Mill Pond – Frank Jarrett, Park Board, made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors in April for a floating dock system similar to the one at Skymount Lake in Marlborough Township. There are grants available to help with the costs. The Open Space Committee supports this project.
7. Invasive vegetation update – No update.
8. King Road Bridge – The bridge is still closed. The county is to do the repairs, then the township will take ownership. Nothing has started.
9. Moyer Road Bridge – Construction of the new bridge has begun. They are ready to pour the concrete bridge deck. It is expected to be completed in October 2021.
10. Hausman Road Bridge – 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. The Board of Supervisors have started applying for the permits needed.
11. Ceremonial Stone Landscapes – Barb attended the Zoom meeting called "The Mysteries of Constructed Stone Landscapes in our Woodlands and Wetlands" on 3/18/21. Barb shared information from the Zoom meeting. There are 6 types of structures built by the Lenape Indians who occupied Pennsylvania, Southeast New York, and Connecticut.
12. Meeting adjourned 9 pm.

Next meeting July 20, 2021 at 7:30 at the township building.