Salford Township Open Space Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2023

Present:	Melody Leithold Tim Clemens (Finance Committee), Barb McMonagle
Absent:	Fred Moyer, John Feldi
Guests:	None

I. Announcements,

II. Discussion

1. The meeting started at 7:35 pm at the township building.
2. The meeting minutes from May 16, 2023, were approved.
3. The Open Space Committee reviewed its priority list of properties under consideration for easements or acquisition and additional potential properties. Barb provided an updated list.
4. 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.- No new update.
5. WB 5 acres – Tylersport Community Park – No update.
6. Whites Mill Preserve –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. A Floating Dock System is no longer being planned for Whites Mill Pond – Boulders as part of the dam repair will prohibit having the floating dock where it was going to be located.
7. Invasive vegetation – Two new invasives related to bamboo have been spotted along Hill Road. Also, Japanese stilt grass is everywhere in the township this year.
8. Emerald Ash Borer – The ash borers have been very active in the township. The birds appear to be eating them. There are a lot of dead trees. The utility companies have been trimming the tops of the trees back and leaving tall stumps. Other places, the dead trees have fallen down.
9. The Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission (Salford is part of this) has started working on the Indian Valley Comprehensive Plan Update. There is a survey online to gauge the needs and preferences on transportation, housing, recreation, open space, trails, etc. throughout the region. The survey can be found at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IndianValleyRPC
10. The Open Space committee discussed various phone apps for identifying plants and birds. Check out: 1) Seek by inaturalist – Plant identification 2) BirdNET – Bird sound identification 3) Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Labs
11. The meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

Next meeting is September 19, 2023 at 7:30 pm at the township building.