Salford Township Open Space Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2022

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

I. Announcements,

None

II. Discussion

1. The meeting started at 7:30 pm at the township building.
2. The Meeting minutes from May 17, 2022, were tabled.
3. The Open Space Committee reviewed its priority list of properties under consideration for easements or acquisition and additional potential properties.
4. Clemens Property – 7.3 acres located at Hausman Rd. & Camp Green Lane Rd. Natural Lands now has an agreement of sale for $110,000 and have applied for grants from Montgomery County and DCNR. Salford Township has provided a Letter of Support and a commitment to contribute $20,000 to the conservation of this property. The Montgomery County Open Space Board made a recommendation to the Montgomery County Commissioners at their meeting on March 31st. The Commissioners approved $52,400 in early April contingent upon the balance of funding being received from DCNR. The DCNR grant application for $60,000 has been submitted and is the final funding source to complete the acquisition. We are waiting for their grant announcement sometime this fall.
5. 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.
6. WB 5 acres – Tylersport Community Park – The Park Board's wish list includes adding a Pickleball Court and Bocce Ball. Pricing is being gotten for a sign. The park walkway needs some drainage work to keep it from continuing to get washed out.
7. Whites Mill Preserve –
   1) Whites Mill Dam – The dam is still eroding.
   2) Floating Dock System for Whites Mill Pond – A floating dock system like the one at Skymount Lake in Marlborough Township is planned. An application for the Schuylkill Highlands Mini-Grant was denied. The Park Board is looking at other options/grants. The Open Space Committee supports this project. No update.
8. King Road Bridge – The bridge is still closed. No update.
9. Hausman Road Bridge – The bridge is closed. A prefab bridge is currently being installed. It should be open soon.
10. Invasive vegetation – No update
11. Emerald Ash Borer – The ash borers have been very active in the township. There are a lot of dead trees. Barb reported to PennDOT that there some dangerously overhanging Whites Mill Rd. They replied that they will take care of them.
12. Montgomery County Return on the Environment Study – Barb was on the task force of this study which shows the economic value in $ of preserving open space thru home values, health benefits, environmental benefits, etc. throughout Montgomery County. The study can be found at: https://www.montcopa.org/4187/Return-on-Environment.
13. Montgomery County Planning Commission is recommending funding they received from the American Rescue Plan be used to create a new Montgomery County Open Space Program.
14. Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.

Next meeting September 20, 2022 at 7:30 at the township building.