

# Salford Township Open Space Committee Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2021

*Present:* Melody Leithold, Fred Moyer (Park Board), Jeanine Harrell, Barb McMonagle

*Absent:* John Feldi, Tim Clemens (Finance Committee)

*Guest:* None

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### I. Announcements

None

### II. Discussion

1. The meeting started at 7:30 pm at the township building.
2. The Meeting minutes from March 16 and May 18, 2021 were approved.
3. The Open Space Committee reviewed its priority list of properties under consideration for easements or acquisition and additional potential properties. Barb distributed an updated list.
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 – Nothing happening. Suggestions Pickleball/Bocce Court.
6. Whites Mill Preserve –
  - 1) At Whites Mill Pond, the lily pads are being sprayed yearly.
  - 2) 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. No update.
  - 3) 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. A few updates: Bog turtle study – there should be one if putting in floating dock. The Army Corp of Engineers do not need to get involved. A Schuylkill Highlands Mini-Grant is being discussed. The Open Space Committee supports this project.
7. Invasive vegetation update – The Open Space Committee noted that the cicadas seem to be more prevalent in undisturbed areas like Salford than in Lansdale and Harleysville which have had much more development. Stilt grass is everywhere. Only a few spotted lanternflies have been seen.
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 is moving forward. 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. DiDomizio Lots - The DiDomizio lots acquisition by Salford Township was featured in an article in the Natural Lands Spring/Summer 2021 magazine.
12. Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.

Next meeting September 21, 2021 at 7:30 at the township building.