Salford Township Open Space Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2023

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

I. Announcements,

II. Discussion

1. The meeting started at 7:30 pm at the township building.
2. The meeting minutes from July 18, 2023, were approved.
3. The Open Space Committee reviewed its priority list of properties under consideration for easements or acquisition and additional potential properties.
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.
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. Invasive Japanese Knotweed (Reynoutria japonica) another invasive has been spotted on Hill road. It grows up to 10' high and underground to 10' deep. It's very hard to get rid of and similar to bamboo though it is not related to bamboo.
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 meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting is November 21, 2023 at 7:30 pm at the township building.