Salford Township Open Space Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2022

Present:	John Feldi, Tim Clemens (Finance Committee), Barb McMonagle
Absent:	Melody Leithold, Fred Moyer (Park Board)
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 approved The meeting minutes from July 19, 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 received 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 approved and this is the final funding source to complete the acquisition. Natural Lands will coordinate completing the requirements from DCNR before settlement can take place.
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. Update: Jim & Sue have withdrawn their application.
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 township has made some repairs to the dam.
   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. Montgomery County put up a barrier. You can't walk over it now.
9. Hausman Road Bridge – The bridge has been replaced and is now open.
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. So far PennDot has not responded.
12. Montgomery County Planning Commission has recommended funding from the American Rescue Plan be used to create a new Montgomery County Open Space Program. It was not funded.
13. Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

Next meeting November 15, 2022 at 7:30 at the township building.