

# **Salford Township Open Space Committee Meeting**

## **Meeting Minutes**

*September 21, 2021*

**Present:** Fred Moyer (Park Board), Jeanine Harrell, Tim Clemens (Finance Committee)  
Barb McMonagle

**Absent:** Melody Leithold, John Feldi

**Guests:** Jim & Sue Myers

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### **I. Announcements**

None

### **II. Discussion**

1. The meeting started at 7:35 pm at the township building.
2. The Meeting minutes from July 20, 2021 were approved.
3. The Open Space Committee reviewed its priority list of properties under consideration for easements or acquisition and additional potential properties.
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. Myers property – 27.37 acres on Camp Green Lane Rd. Jim and Sue Myers came to our meeting and told us they are considering the Montgomery County Farm Board offer to preserve their farm.
6. WB 5 acres – Tylersport Community Park – Park Board is suggesting a Pickleball/Bocce Court. A sign is in the works. The PB is looking into ground tire mulch vs wood mulch for the playground.
7. 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 – A floating dock system similar to the one at Skymount Lake in Marlborough Township is being considered. A Schuylkill Highlands Mini-Grant is being discussed. The grant could cover 50% of the cost. The PB Reserve account has funds which could cover the remaining 50% match. The Open Space Committee supports this project.
8. Spotted Lanternfly - There seem to be more natural predators of the Spotted Lanternfly than known before. Only a few have been seen among the committee members.
9. King Road Bridge – The bridge is still closed. Hurricane Ida made a mess, extensively damaging the road deck and more with the creek water raging high over the bridge. The county is to do the repairs, then the township will take ownership. Nothing has started.
10. Moyer Road Bridge – Construction of the new bridge is moving forward. They have poured the concrete bridge deck. It is expected to be completed in October 2021.
11. Hausman Road Bridge – Hurricane Ida did substantial damage to the bridge. The bridge is now closed. 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.
12. Meeting adjourned 9:25 pm.

Next meeting November 16, 2021 at 7:30 at the township building.