Salford Township Open Space Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026

Present: Melody Leithold, Billy Webb, Barb McMonagle

Absent: John Feldi, Bob Gautreau, Tim Clemens (Finance Committee)

Guests: Jim Myers (Supervisor)

I. Announcements

None

II. Discussion

1. The meeting started at 7:30 pm at the township building.
2. The meeting minutes of November 18, 2025, were tabled.
3. Open Space Officers for 2026:
   Chair – Barbara McMonagle
   Vice Chair – Melody Leithold
   Secretary – John Feldi
4. The Open Space Committee reviewed its priority list of properties under consideration for easements or acquisition and additional potential properties. Barb was in contact with Natural Lands regarding both properties below.
   A. Myers Property – Actively working with Natural Lands.
   B. Webb Property – A site visit for Jan 19th was cancelled due to the snow. We will visit when the snow is gone.
5. Ramp Barn in Tylersport – The Board of Supervisors (BOS) are planning to move the barn. The Jaybird Foundation said they would not be interested in working with the township if the barn is moved. There are no current plans.
6. Invasive vegetation update – Melody spoke about three beech tree diseases. Homeowners can treat individual trees but over spraying an area isn't an option. We continued our discussion about using goats to control invasive vegetation such as Mile a Minute, Poison Ivy and Floribunda Rose.
7. Tylersport Community Park –
   A. Memorial Fountain – The dedication is in the works.
   B. Sign – Jim is working on obtaining signs for the park and township building.
   C: Pickleball Court – Pickleball courts are in the area and we will reach out to other townships in the spring for additional information.
8. Replacement Signs for Whites Mill & Copper Mine Creek Preserves – Signs have been replaced at Whites Mill & Copper Mine Creek.
9. Whites Mill Preserve – The display board is broken. Barb asked the Board of Supervisors to have it fixed.
10. Whites Mill Quarry Walk #2 – A new date will be determined once the snow is gone.
11. Open Space Referendum – Natural Lands is helping townships interested in creating an EIT (earned income tax) to be used for open space preservation only. Nearby Lower Frederick, Franconia and Skippack townships have passed EIT's. We discussed the possibility of Salford pursuing an EIT.
12. An Eagle Scout Project in the township is now complete – Two Bring a Book, Leave a Book displays are now located at Salford Community Park and Tylersport Community Park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting is March 17, 2026, at 7:30 pm at the township building.