Salford Township Open Space Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2025

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

I. Announcements

II. Discussion

1. The meeting started at 7:30 pm at the township building. A big "thank you" to Bob for bringing some refreshments.
2. The meeting minutes from January 21, 2025, were approved.
3. The Open Space Committee reviewed its priority list of properties under consideration for easements or acquisition and additional potential properties.
   a. The Boy Scout property, 12 acres, is located at 32 Klingerman Rd. The property was recently sold to a neighbor.
4. Ramp Barn in Tylersport – The Jaybird Foundation came to a Board of Supervisors meeting in early March and inquired about the Ramp Barn in Tylersport. We are planning to tour the barn with them on Tuesday April 15th. Several members of our committee are interested in going. Barb will also reach out to the Planning Commission and former members of the Park Board to see if they would like to tour the barn with us.
5. King Road Bridge – The bridge is still closed. Montgomery County put up a barrier and nothing more has happened.
6. Price Road Bridge (Marlborough Twp) – This is still an ongoing project on Montgomery County's website.
7. WB 5 acres – Tylersport Community Park
   a. Memorial Fountain at Tylersport Community Park. No update on its dedication. It's winter.
   b. Pickleball Court – We should consider a multipurpose court for pickleball and tennis. Pickleball is very popular.
   c. Sign – A sign for the park is in the works.
8. Whites Mill Preserve –Whites Mill Dam –
   a. Bob shared information about an old quarry with cut boulders at Whites Mill. Several members expressed interest in visiting it. We are planning to go on April 2nd at 10 am and will meet at the Whites Mill Preserve parking lot.
   b. Weed Control – The weeds at Whites Mill Pond continue to be sprayed each year in the dam area.
   c. Other – The township cleaned up the area by the dam. They plan to make additional improvements to the trail area.
9. Signs – The sign was taken at Copper Mine Creek. A replacement is needed.
10. 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.
11. Emerald Ash Borer – The ash borers continue to do damage. There are a lot of dead trees. Per Melody last meeting, the first wave of the ash borer is over and a 2nd wave is just starting in Michigan. There is hope that a resistance shown in some ash trees may be a solution for future repopulation. Barb saw a video about this on YouTube.
12. Oak Tree Scorch – A fungus killing oak trees. Pin oaks are not affected by this fungus.
13. Spotted Lanternfly – Population of the spotted lanternfly are on the decline.
14. Firearm Ordinance – The Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance in February to require backstops when residents target practice to ensure their safety and the safety of their neighbors.
15. Dry Wells – Many residents in the township have experienced their wells going dry. There is a map of these properties at the township building. Residents have created a Facebook page "Salford Twp Well Issues". The township is looking into bringing public water out to the affected area of Ridge Road.
16. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next meeting is May 20, 2025, at 7:30 pm at the township building.