Salford Township Open Space Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2025

Present:	Bob Gautreau, Tim Clemens (Finance Committee), Melody Leithold, John Feldi, Barb McMonagle
Absent:	None
Guests:	Jim Myers (Salford BOS), Jaybird Foundation (Cortney Marengo, Gerry Dougherty, Dave Kirkpatrick), Doug Rotondo (Historic Barn & Farm Foundation of PA)

I. Announcements

Barb welcomed our guests. Everyone introduced themselves.

II. Discussion

1. The meeting started at 7:30 pm at the township building.
2. The meeting minutes from March 18, 2025, were approved.
3. Ramp Barn in Tylersport – Cortney Morengo and Gerry Dougherty (Salford resident) from the Jaybird Foundation came to a Board of Supervisors meeting in early March and inquired about the Ramp Barn in Tylersport. We toured the barn with them on April 15th and May 13th. Cortney plans to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 18th to answer any questions the Board may have.

   What we learned:
   a. Jaybird would be seeking funding for the barn restoration from grants, donations, large companies and other foundations.
   b. The barn's historic value would be lost if the township chose to move the barn to another location. Jaybird would not be able to help if it was moved.
   c. Per Dave (Jaybird) the barn is older than 1890. His estimate is 1850's.

   Brainstormed ideas for the barn's reuse. Possibilities included but are not limited to:
   a. Educational center: Library area with info about the area/ historic archive room/ museum/ meeting rooms with collapsing walls which could open to a larger area for guest speakers/events
   b. Mini golf
   c. Farmer's market
   d. Wedding venue
   e. Garden center, café, classes (similar to Floral & Hardy in Skippack)
   f. Brewery
   g. Home with barn
   h. Township offices with meeting rooms
   i. Restaurant
   j.. Small business use which would benefit the community

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.
Next meeting is July 15, 2025, at 7:30 pm at the township building.