Salford Township Open Space Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2025

Present: Bob Gautreau, Tim Clemens (Finance Committee), John Feldi, Barb McMonagle

Absent: Melody Leithold

Guests: None

I. Announcements

None

II. Discussion

1. The meeting started at 7:34 pm at the township building.
2. The meeting minutes from May 20, 2025, were approved.
3. Ramp Barn in Tylersport – We had a great conversation with members of the Jaybird Foundation at our last meeting in May. Tonight, we discussed the pros and cons of working with Jaybird (below). The Board of Supervisors (BOS) voiced an interest in moving the barn. Jaybird said they would not be interested in working with the township if the barn is moved. Tim Clemens will send an email to the BOS in support of working with the Jaybird Foundation. The BOS meet again tomorrow night July 16, 2025.

   Moving the barn:
   - \- We pay for moving the barn and its renovations
   - \+ We can make the barn any height
   - \+ We can resell the lot $
   - \- The barn may never be rebuilt
   - \- The barn loses its historical value
   - \- We may not like what gets built at the barn's current location if the barn is removed and the property sold.

   Working with Jaybird:
   - \+ Jaybird is responsible for funding the barn renovations. There would be no cost to the township.
   - \+ We could add additional space & improvements to the barn and lot (funding would be included by Jaybird)
   - \+ Saves the historical value of the barn
   - \+ Jaybird will insure the barn.
   - \+ Jaybird will maintain the property.
   - \+ The property could become a focal point in Salford.
   - \- This would be Jaybird's first project
   - \- Township won't receive any income from the property for the length of the lease term with Jaybird (10 years min.)

4. Invasive vegetation update - Beside the emerald ash borer and the oak fungus, there is now a disease affecting beech trees.
5. Tylersport Community Park –
   A. Nothing yet on the plaques and the dedication of the fountain.
   B. Sign – Nothing yet
   C: Pickleball area – Yes, we have space for it here.
6. Replacement Signs for Whites Mill & Copper Mine Creek Preserves – Nothing yet.
7. Montco Farmers Gathering – Barb shared information for this event planned for August 17, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting is September 15, 2025, at 7:30 pm at the township building.