

The New Garden Township Open Space Review Board met **Tuesday, November 15, 2011** at the Township Building. Present were Chairman Bernie McKay, Vice Chairman Gary Bell, Rich Chadwick, Debbie DuBois, Don Peters, Christopher Robinson, Mary Sproat and Erin Lee.

Minutes - The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

Treasurer - Deb reported balances as follows:

Grant Co-ordinator - about \$2000 of the Dockstader grant has been spent on the Mill Race trail. Don reviewed 2 grant possibilities, but determined that neither applies to us at the moment.

Planning Commission - Deb will attend in December, Chris, in January, Gary, in February.

Old Business - Friends of Trail - Trail Opening took place October 22 with about 80 in attendance. There were two historical talks: Ben on the train wreck at bridge 42, and David Hawk on the mill which gave the trail its name. Ben and the Boy Scout are working on directional signs on Penn Green and Auburn Roads. Joe Yakscoe reviewed the placement and made helpful comments.

Easement Process document - Erin made updates, and Gary will e-mail it to us tomorrow. Thanks to Gary for his work.

NLT Landowners event - there was a good turnout at the Winterset Farms event. There were two prospective landowners there. NLT considered it a success.

2011 Annual Report - Don sent a draft to the Board. Members will fill in missing information.

New Business - PREIT White Clay Pointe Trails - BOS gave the subdivision waiver PREIT wanted to allow Walmart to own the footprint of their store. We need to talk to PREIT about the details of the trails that will cross their property. Our Greenways Plan shows a multi-use trail around the perimeter. A 5' wide paved trail would allow residents from Hartefeld, Somerset Lake, and W. L. Gore to walk or bicycle to the shopping center. The suggestion was made to contact landscape architect Tom Comitta to help us determine where the trail should go in the shopping center, and draw it on the plan. Deb will discuss with Dan Fox first.

Board member expiring terms - Gary and Rich will advise the Board about their willingness to continue as Board members next month. Deb pointed out that we will need a substitute for her after May 2012.

Board positions for 2012 - Decisions will be made next month.  
The public session closed at 8:45 and the Board went into Executive session.