

New Garden Open Space Review Board met at the Township Building on **March 15, 2011**. Present were Chairman Bernie McKay, Gary Bell, Don Peters, Rich Chadwick, Christopher Robinson, Mary Sproat, and Erin Lee from Natural Lands Trust. Also present were Sharon Monigle, Vince Liberi, and Joyce Bischoff from Brittany Hills.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

Treasurer - Bernie read the account balances as of 2/28/2011 in Deb's absence: Loan Account \$1,993,960.48; Savings Account \$997,027.35; Checking Account \$10,071.83; total \$3,001,059.66.

Grants - Don - Applications are due April 1 for Dockstader grants for as much as \$25,000. He has already logged on and signed us up. We have needs for Old Mill Trail and Mill Race Preserve for such things as labelling flora, signs, community hikes, and reintroduction of indigenous plants.

Planning Commission February meeting - Deb went and sent a report: she asked the Commission to help insure a trail easement on Wollaston north parcel, & Mary notified Chairman Mike Loftus that a sidewalk on Starr Rd is part of our Greenways Plan. Harlow Point on Southwood Road is a 55 & older community that is planned next to a gas line. The site is on the State line.

Old business - Trails - Chris - Ben & Chris met with David Rickerman to determine what materials are needed for draining the spring in middle of the railroad bed, and to build a boardwalk. Bernie discussed it with Township Manager Dan Fox, who suggested asking the Township Engineer about possible permitting for draining and the boardwalk.

Botanical survey -The draft report will be ready next month, at which time we will owe \$3000.

Chester Co Press recently ran a full page article and photos of Trails, with editorial. The Board appreciates Deb's efforts in contacting reporter Nancy Johnson to write the article.

A recent issue of PA Township News had articles on volunteering, so Township Secretary Pam Willis sent information and photos of Trails volunteers.

Brittany Hills Commercial Frontage discussion - 36,000 sq. feet in 3 parcels: 1.8 acres with office, parking lot and open land; 1.75 acres; and approx. 4.733 acres with the clubhouse. It is parcel b that is for sale. Wilkinson plans to build on parcel a. If parcels are built on or sold, the beauty of entrance will be gone. A & B are both on the market. Both are zoned commercial. The residents would rather see houses than commercial - 55 & older high density. Therefore, one possibility would be to ask BOS to rezone these parcels to residential, and Charles Wilkinson would have to be convinced that that is the better move. We pointed out that their best recourse may be to talk to Wilkinson to hear

his thoughts. Two options: high-density residential or preservation. We also pointed out that they should tell him that they spoke with us.

Public session closed at 8:10 and the Board went into Executive session.