

New Garden Township Open Space Review Board met April 17, 2012 at the Township Building. Present were Chairman Bernie McKay, Vice Chairman Gary Bell, Rich Chadwick, Don Peters, Mary Sproat, and Erin Lee.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

Treasurer - In Debbie's absence, Bernie reported balances as follows: loan account \$ 1,998,444.38, savings account \$ 1,276,241.35, and checking account \$18,186.48, for a total of \$3,292,872.21.

Planning Commission - Gary reported that there was no meeting last month. He will attend this month.

Old Business - Friends of Trails - Chris sent an update: The tree walk last weekend was a success, with about 30 attending. Marilyn Flannery did an excellent job leading the tour, and they placed signs identifying some of the trees. The Bird Walk is next Saturday. A Boy Scout has made bird boxes that will be placed in the Trail areas. Dirk Robinson also wants to place wood duck boxes along the creek. The McDonalds Corporation donated a steel bench that was placed near Bridge 42 on the Mill Race Trail. The directional signs for the trails have arrived. Bernie made a temporary sign for the end of Lavender Hill Road but it disappeared, so he made another one. White Clay Creek Fest is May 5, and Friends of the Trails is ready to participate. Mill Race Trail wet area - Chris is working with David Rickerman.

New Business - Kevin Gillen's talk on the economic value of open space took place here on 4/4. The room was full, and it was well accepted. Bernie & Don attended White Clay Wild & Scenic Watershed Management Committee meeting today. There were several excellent speakers.

At 7:45 the Board moved to Executive Session.