

New Garden Township Open Space Review Board met **August 20, 2013** at the Township Building. Present were Chairman Gary Bell, Rich Chadwick, Ben Marsden, Don Peters, David Rickerman, Christopher Robinson, Mary Sproat and Erin Lee.

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

Old Business - Friends of Trails - Chris reported that the trees on the Mill Race trail were removed with David's help. Ben reported no progress on the signs.

Grant coordinator - The PECO Green Region grant check has been received. Don sent proposals for a Growing Greener Grant from DEP, and for a Watershed Restoration and Protection Grant from PA Department of Community and Economic Development for Lamborn Run behind the Township Building as part of the Township participation in the White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic. WCC will manage the grant for the project on Lamborn Run.

Hendrickson - A contractor will transfer the power from the house to the garage within the next 2 weeks. Don and David will look into moving the pump as well.

Responsibilities between OSRB and FNGT-Gary contacted one township who said they are doing much the same as we are.

Documents file - Mary reported that there are now folders of minutes in the file cabinet thru 2010.

New Business - Chris sent Board Members the 2012 Landscapes Index from the County Planning Commission showing how the County rates in quality of life since last year. It shows a slight overall decrease since 2009 but the amount of open space increased by only 543 acres during 2012. The report engendered a thought-provoking discussion.

Planning Commission - There was no meeting in July. Mary will attend in August and Chris will attend in September.

OSRB loan retired - The loan that was taken out to provide funds if large projects came about before there was sufficient tax revenue was retired by the BOS at this month's meeting. We now have \$1.7M in the bank. We should inform the BOS that there may be a need in the future for a large sum.

Treasurer - Ben reported balances as follows: June checking account \$1,597,218.06; loan \$1,767,080.32; total \$3,364,298.38. July checking account \$1,610,987.49, loan \$1,767,303.45; total \$3,378,290.94.

At 7:53 the Board moved to Executive session.

Gary Bell, Chairman
Mary M. Sproat, Secretary