

The New Garden Township Open Space Review Board met **Tuesday, December 18, 2012** at the Township Building. Present were Chairman Bernie McKay, Vice Chairman Gary Bell, Rich Chadwick, Ben Marsden, Don Peters, Christopher Robinson, Mary Sproat and Erin Lee.

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

Treasurer - Gary reported balances as follows: loan account \$2,000,392.78; checking account \$1,473,293.57; total \$3,473,686.35. In December the Township issued a check for \$125,800 for the purchase of the Hendrickson property. At their meeting last night, the BOS approved \$109,000 for the Christie easements. It is unknown to us, however, which account these checks came from. Gary will inquire.

Grant Co-ordinator - Don submitted the PECO Green Region Grant for \$10,000. He is completing a final report to the Dockstader Foundation; \$150 is left from the second grant to pay for the brochures, which have been ordered. He enclosed photos of the projects it paid for. The next grant round will begin in February.

Chester Co. Municipal grants begin in February; we have a waiver allowing us to apply even though we have already purchased the Hendrickson property. The State round will probably begin in April. An appraisal of the property will be required to submit with either.

Planning Commission - Chris attended; the proposed natural resources ordinance was the only topic discussed. There is no December meeting. Gary will attend January.

Old Business - Friends of Trails - A successful public event was held at the Mill Race Trail Dec. 1 with a talk by David Hawk on the Mill and Ben's talk about the wreck at Bridge 42. Then the children had a scavenger hunt for RR spikes and won prizes.

Sign for Auburn Road - Bernie found 4' X 8' pvc panels at 84 Lumber for \$115 each but getting them cut is a problem.

Work will cease on the trails for the Winter.

Annual Report - Don distributed the report to us earlier in the month. Members made comments and approved it, with congratulations to Don for writing another excellent report. Someone should present it at the Jan BOS meeting. Don will turn it in to the office as soon as he makes the changes suggested tonight.

Reappointments - Chris, Don and Ben's terms end at the end of the year. All are willing to be reappointed. Bernie will inform the Township office.

At our January meeting we will reorganize and inform the office.

Hendrickson - The Township has finalized the purchase.

Christie easement purchase - the purchase closes tomorrow! Rich will throw a big party for all after the closing.

House bill - There was no effort to pass the bill and the Farm Bureau lobbied against it.

New Business - Bernie turned the Building key over to Gary, and handed more of his files to various Board members. Bernie made the point that there should be an Open Space file in the Township office. It should contain the legal documents for the easements so far, minutes, appraisals and proposals. Mary will work with Pam to arrange it.

The Board moved to Executive Session at 8:30