

New Garden Township Open Space Review Board met **December 17, 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 circulated.

Old Business - Friends of NG Trails - map on sign for Laurel Woods Trail has been replaced. There was a cleanup workday. Many trees have fallen and had to be cleaned away.  
Grant Co-ordinator report - Last night, the BOS reviewed 4 bids for Hendrickson House demolition and approved the lowest one, from Technivate in the amount of \$5990. This will be taken from the Dockstader Grant. Chris will photograph the process for the Historical Commission. Erin noted that we did not get the DCNR grant, but we are on the list of High Value projects so we may receive the grant at a later date but Erin does not know the time table. The grant is for \$35,550; \$30,000 for land and \$5,550 for other costs.  
Hendrickson Property maintenance - The lane is ready for the demolition equipment but it is realized that the demolition may tear it up. The items inside the house that were salvageable were removed and are in the garage.  
Annual Report - Don is willing to write it, and asked for hour reports from Board members as soon as possible. He also requested photos, and one paragraph summaries about each of the easements that were accomplished during the year.  
Documents file - Mary will continue to work on it until all available copies of minutes and other documents are filed.  
Structure of responsibility - nothing further at this time. Gary will discuss with Debbie.  
Insurance for Friends of Trails will be pursued.

New Business - House Bill 1523 - the Governor has not yet signed it but he is expected to. It amends the act to allow money to develop plans for owned property up to 25% of Open Space fund, and requires rescinding the tax to be put to voter referendum.  
Contract renewal with Natural Lands Trust for 2014 - We recommend renewing it. Don moved and David seconded to recommend continuation. The vote was unanimous in favor of renewing the contract for 2014.  
Planning Commission - Gary did not attend November if they had a meeting. No meeting is scheduled for December.  
Board terms expiring - Mary and David. Mary has already expressed her desire to retire, and David agreed to serve a full three year term. Two names were suggested, and Gary agreed to speak with both of them about their interest in serving as Board members.

Chris reported that the BOS approved a founding date of 1714 for the Township after he did the research to determine the date. The first mention of New Garden Township is on a Quarter Sessions document naming a constable.

The Public Session closed at 7:50 and the Board moved to Executive Session.

Gary Bell, Chairman  
Mary M. Sproat, Secretary