

New Garden Township Open Space Review Board met **Tuesday, February 21, 2012** at the Township Building. Present were chairman Bernie McKay, Vice Chairman Gary Bell, Rich Chadwick, Debbie DuBois, Christopher Robinson, Mary Sproat, and Erin Lee. Chris Mrozinski of PREIT and Barclay Hoopes joined us.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

Treasurer - Deb reported account balances as follows: loan account \$1,997,957.02, savings account \$1,247,922.55, and checking account \$5,766.41, for a total of \$3,251,645.98. Bernie gave her invoices for the Palkovitz survey, and from NLT for the fees for the last 6 months of 2011 to deliver to Lew Gay for payment. He also had a copy of proof of publication of 2012 meeting dates from the Daily Local News.

January Planning Commission - Because of a short agenda, Chris had the opportunity to discuss the proposed trails at White Clay Pointe. Commissioners were enthusiastic about the trails but had concerns about Township maintenance; Supervisor Bob Perrotti explained that there is no Township responsibility. Chris also mentioned some possibilities for the stone barn on Rt. 41. He also explained the Historic Preservation Ordinance. He invited the Commission to our meeting tonight. Deb will attend this month's meeting.

Old Business - Annual report - Bernie presented it to BOS at the public meeting of 1/23. BOS appreciated our efforts, asked pertinent questions and made positive comments about our work. They particularly mentioned the educational programs that the Friends did last year, and suggested that there should be more such programs. The report is now on the Township web site.

Bernie has received a report on open space in our Township from the Chester Co. Planning Commission. It has to be corrected and returned to CCPC; he added several parcels that had not formerly been counted as open space, to bring the total to 1115 acres.

Spence Andress, acting Township Manager, asked Bernie to review the Ag Security Area inventory. Bernie has finished, and made necessary changes.

Brandywine Conservancy sent a letter confirming the properties in the Township where they have easements. Chris will make overlays of all of these for the map.

PREIT - Chris Mrozinski reported that he discussed the trails with PREIT officials and all are desirous of cooperating with the Township on all programs. They foresee making small adjustments as we go on, and will work with us and Tom Committa. We will contact Tom to discuss those changes. He is disappointed, however, that the present Board is not as cooperative as the last Board was, and for that reason, they are hesitant to make any changes because of pending litigation. PREIT has all approvals, and the Township engineer is the last to review the approvals. Chris would be happy to have any of us call him at any time.

Friends of Trails - Chris recently walked both trails and found them clean and in good condition. The Friends will meet on an upcoming Saturday.

The Board moved to Executive session at 8:15.

Bernie McKay, Chairman
Mary M. Sproat, Secretary