

The New Garden Township Open Space Review Board met **Tuesday, February 19, 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.

We welcomed new Board member David Rickerman. Former leader Bernie McKay joined us to make a report on one of the properties under consideration.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

Treasurer - The account balances are as follows: Loan account \$1,766,202.58; checking account \$1,525,763.97; total \$3,291,966.55. Ben reported \$400 remaining in trail funds after the brochure printing. It could be used to buy pvc panel for a sign. Bernie McKay will buy the panel and have it cut to the proper size. Ben was commended for establishing a trail account balance. He had not received the OSRB funds for conservation activities account total before the meeting.

### **Old Business**

Grant co-ordinator - Erin reported that a decision on our PECO grant proposal for funding for the Hendrickson driveway will probably come in June or July. Don is writing a grant to Chester County for reimbursement for up to 50% of the land purchase of the Hendrickson property purchase; it is due 2/28. The Dockstader Foundation is again accepting grant proposals, due April 1. We need to decide how much we want to ask for and for what: funds for the Hendrickson trail and to have electricity moved from the house to the garage, and for signs at other trails. He has also gotten information from Greenways Trails and Recreation from Marcellus Shale that go up to \$250,000 and can be used to purchase land and many other things. (See Erin's email of today.) BUT It requires 50% match. The deadline is July. Don's suggestion is to go for a bridge that connects us to the multi-municipality loop trail with the other 3 townships. The planning for this trail is driven by the Chester County Planning Commission with Jake Michael. We don't know how much money they have to give out.

Hendrickson demolition - Gary will approach Township Manager Spence Andress to begin the demolition permit process.

File cabinet - Mary met with Spence to investigate the possibility of our having a file cabinet drawer for our minutes and other paperwork so that they could be organized and accessible. After discussion of several alternatives, Board members decided on a letter-size file cabinet to be placed in the room between the History room and the Planning Commission room. Although Spence believes that the originals of easement documents should remain in Township Supervisor files, we are free to copy them for our files. Mary will work with Spence to have the cabinet moved, and begin to assemble the items to be stored there.

Planning Commission - Chris will attend this month, and Don will attend in March. Gary attended January, when several members of the public were there to discuss amendments to the Natural Resources Ordinance. The Commission & BOS members

attending expressed their sensitivity to the community's concerns. BOS hope to pass it at their next meeting 2/25.

### **New Business**

Delineation of responsibilities between OSRB and Friends of Trails - Gary has discussed this with Spence and Debbie duBois. Gary brought up several questions that need to be clarified and welcomes the thoughts of Board members. Spence, Debbie and Gary will continue to meet to discuss.

NLT contract - It has been revised, with a bimonthly system for billing.

Web page proposal - We will discuss again next month.

At 8:23 PM the Board moved to Executive Session.

Gary Bell, Chairman  
Mary M. Sproat, Secretary