

**Open Space Review Board
New Garden Township
Minutes from public meeting June 18, 7 PM**

Present were Chairman Gary Bell, Rich Chadwick, Ben Marsden, Don Peters, Dave Rickerman and Erin Lee.

Minutes of the May 21 meeting, distributed by email, were approved.

Friends of New Garden Trails Update:

Ben reported that there has been some damage to the trails resulting from the recent storms that passed through the township in the past weeks. The Laurel Woods trail has some debris that requires removal, and the Mill Race trail has about twelve trees down that will need to be cleared. Ben will be seeking volunteers from the FONGT group to assist with clearing. Dave Rickerman agreed to provide equipment required.

- A sign has been purchased indicating exclusion of ATV use of the Mill Race trail. Overgrowth of vegetation at the approach appears to have ended the practice and the sign will be installed soon.
- Material for the trail road sign has been purchased and invoicing for the brochure printing has been received for payment.
- Chris Robinson will provide the township police with a key to the chain lock at the Mill Race trail head on Auburn Road.
- There is a small sum remaining from former grant funds for use on trail needs.

Grant Coordinator Report:

Don confirmed that the PECO grant award had received approval and recommended that the projects listed on the grant be initiated as appropriate, including improvements to the access road from Landenberg Road, relocating electrical service from the house to the garage, and relocating the water line and pump installation from the house to the garage. Don will be working with FONGT to determine best ways to get these projects underway. Thanks go to Steve Allaband for his work in addressing water supply problems at the Hendrickson property. Congratulations to Don for his successful grant writing with Dockstader and PECO applications this year.

OSRB Documents File:

Gary said Mary continues to assemble the OSRB minutes and related documentation for the organization's collection of documents.

Planning Commission Meeting Report:

Ben stated that the Planning Commission did not meet in May.

PA Financial Interest Forms Reminder:

These forms are required by the Commonwealth and should be completed and forwarded to Lew Gay.

Structure of Responsibilities between OSRB and Friends of New Garden Trails:

Work on this project continues with search for processes developed by neighboring township, used to coordinate these functions.

New Business:

Don summarized efforts of Wild and Scenic White Clay Creek's coordination of efforts to apply as a regional community for grant funds available from "fracking" fees in Pennsylvania. Focus of the project is restoring a section of White Clay Creek watershed, in conjunction with land owners and municipalities. NGT is a participant in the project.

Planning Commission Meeting Representatives:

June 26 @ 7 PM-- Gary

July 24 @ 7 PM-- Don

Public session was closed at 7: 40 and the Board moved to executive session.