

New Garden Township Open Space Review Board met on May 15, 2012 at the township building. In attendance were Chairman Bernie McKay, Rich Chadwick, Don Peters, Debbie Du Bois, Erin Lee and Christopher Robinson. Also attending was Vincent Pompo, Esq., Special Counsel to the BOS.

The minutes of the April 17th General Session meeting were approved as sent.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie provided the following balances as of April 30th.

Loan Acct;	\$1,998,688.10
Savings:	\$1,297,146.63
Checking:	\$18,172.09
Total:	\$3,314,006.82

Debbie reminded the Board that a letter is due to the Dockstader Foundation concerning the grant funds remaining and how they will be used. Dockstader Grant 1 has \$590.00 remaining that is already committed. Dockstader Grant 2, the current grant, has \$7,600 remaining which is committed to two major projects, the proposed written materials and signs, and the correction of the drainage problems along the railroad bed. Don Peters agreed to write the Dockstader Foundation requesting continued use of the funds for the proposed purposes.

There also is \$50.50 available in "Petty Cash" that represents cash donations made by the public at trail events.

Old Business:

Friends of the New Garden Trails. Chris reported that the Boy Scout-constructed benches have been installed on both trails under the supervision of Rich Chadwick. Also the Scouts have constructed a variety of bird houses which have also been installed along both trails and in the meadow. The construction of trail signs is underway based on designs and instruction obtained from Wendel Castle (?).

The FONGT participated in the "White Clay Creek Fest" on May 5th and will have an informational tent at New Garden Day in the Park.

Chris also reported on the possibilities of a trail on the airport property. He will follow up on this.

New Business:

There will be another information session and discussion on the "Value of Open Space" on July 22nd.

At 7:30 the Board moved to Executive Session.