

New Garden Township Open Space Review Board met **Wednesday, November 20, 2012** at the Township Building. Present were Chairman Bernie McKay, Vice Chairman Gary Bell, Rich Chadwick, Ben Marsden, Don Peters, Christopher Robinson and Mary Sproat.

Minutes - The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

Treasurer - Gary reported that as of 10/31/2012, the balances were as follows: \$1,437,444.97 in the checking account, and \$2,000,153.85 in the loan account, for a total of \$3,437,598.82.

Planning Commission - No one attended in October. Chris will attend November.

Grant Coordinator - Don reminded us that the PECO Grant proposal is due 12/14; he will ask for \$10,000 to improve access to the Hendrickson property and establish a trail head. He learned that William Skalish signed off on the .23 acres at the entrance and the Township bought it for \$1 on a quit claim deed. Closing on the balance of the property should occur within one week. Don solicited a proposal for the cost of the driveway work in the amount of \$6,410 and for demolishing the house, \$10,500 including hauling away debris. The grant requires a match; perhaps the purchase price is the match, or the preservation work on the garage, which we plan to keep. Don also reported that we have spent nearly all of the second Dockstader grant; the brochures were paid for from this grant, and \$6900 recently was paid to David Rickerman. So it may be possible to apply for another Dockstader grant in February.

Friends of Trails - A History Hike scheduled for Dec 1 with David Hawk discussing the Mill for which the trail is named, and Ben Marsden describing the wreck at Bridge 42.

Annual Report - Don asked for a paragraph for the Annual Report from each Board member who will have closure on property by the end of the year.

Replacement for Bernie - We discussed some possibilities of citizens to join the Board without coming to a conclusion. Bernie distributed some of his files to other members of the Board.

New Business - Bernie referred to the House Bill that would allow municipalities to sell donated land if they are going bankrupt.

The Board moved to Executive Session at 8 PM.