

New Garden Township Open Space Review Board met **November 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.

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

Old Business - Friends of Trails - They met last night and agreed to do some cleaning on trails on Saturday. They are planning education programs for next year. We discussed a possible name for the Hendrickson Property - suggested were Landenberg Junction Trail, Hendrickson Trail Head, Landenberg Store Trail, Hendrickson Building; the names Newark and Pomeroy should be worked in. Don is obtaining bids for demolition of the house and has received 3 ranging from \$6950 to \$13,500. There is one more company he can contact for a bid. The low bid includes hauling the debris away, burying the rock foundation, and recycling as much as he can. Don will discuss writing a contract for the demolition with Township Manager Spence Andress. We need to know what permits we need. Supervisor Steve Allaband said the Township can contribute part of the cost. He noted that the PECO Grant explicitly forbids use for demolition.

Mill Race Trail ATV sign - not yet placed.

Grants - Ben has seen no bills.

Hendrickson property maintenance - The property is ready for Winter.

Open Space file - Mary has done no work recently but will return to it in December.

Responsibility between OSRB & Friends of Trails - Friends of Trails discussed insurance for those who work on the trail. They apparently have to have their own, but more research will be done toward a resolution. Previously, the Township asked volunteers to sign waivers but most refused to sign. When BOS is reconfigured in January, we should meet with them to bring them up to speed on our work.

BOS meeting on Nov. 4 showed a lack of understanding of our work.

New Business - Planning Commission - Chris attended the October meeting but there were only two of the Planning Commission members there. There may not be a November meeting but Gary will attend if there is.

Terms expiring at end of December - Mary has informed Gary and the BOS that she does not wish to be reappointed. Gary thanked Mary for her work over the years. Peter Scilla has expressed interest in OSRB activities.

The Public Session closed at 7:40 and the Board moved to Executive session.

Gary Bell, Chairman  
Mary M. Sproat, Secretary