

## Minutes – January OSRB Meeting

New Garden Township Open Space Review Board met **January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014** (rescheduled from January 21 due to snow) at the Township Building. Meeting convened at approx. 7:12 pm.

Attendance:

<b>2014</b>	Gary	Rich	Stan	Ben	Don	Dave	Chris	Erin
23-Jan	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
18-Feb								
18-Mar								
15-Apr								
20-May								
17-Jun								
15-Jul								
19-Aug								
16-Sep								
21-Oct								
18-Nov								
16-Dec								

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

Election of Officers for 2014 – see below for roles:

- CHAIRMAN - Gary
- VICE CHAIRMAN - Rich
- SECRETARY - Stan
- TREASURER - Ben
- TRAILMASTER - David
- GRANT COORDINATOR- Don
- WEBMASTER and ARCHIVIST - Chris

BOS meeting dates were discussed and handouts for 2014 were provided.

OSRB directory with emails and phone numbers was distributed.

### Old Business

- Friends of New Garden Trails update (Chris) – Trails are in good shape. ATV sign not yet installed.

Grant Coordinator Report (Don) – See separate email send on grant approved for the New Garden Park Riparian Buffer Restoration. This grant is for \$53,030. Volunteer time will be needed for this project from OSRB and FoNGT (Friends of New Garden Trails).

Grant Funds Activity (Don) – Documentation of bills for these grants needs to be collected and costs tracked per project. May want to investigate a tool like Goggle Docs for keeping track of costs that would be visible to our team.

Hendrickson Property Demolition (Chris) – Demolition is now completed. See article in Chester County Press ->  
<http://www.chestercounty.com/2014/01/15/landenberg-historic-home-demolished?tracking=related>

Volunteer Hours Report (Gary) – Reminder to keep track of your hours using form that Gary has provided.

NGT Open Space Documents file (Gary) – Mary will complete getting the files set up and then will be transitioned to Chris going forward.

OSRB and FoNGT (Gary) – Handed out and reviewed responsibilities between organizations. May want to consider FoNGT as a 501 c 3 organization so that donations can be made that are tax deductible.

Act 115 (Erin) – Erin reviewed this new legislation (<http://conserveland.org/articles/148>) and the importance of this in allowing for maintenance of open space (up to 25% of open space taxes).

Annual Report (Don) – Consensus was great job on annual report.

Contract Renewal for NLT for 2014 (Gary) – Contract will be renewed for 2104.

Trail Head Name on Landenberg Road (Gary) – Will be deferred to future meeting.

### **New Business**

Planning Commission Meeting Rep –

Terms Expiring at end of 2014 – May need some replacement candidates (2) for 2015.

Proposed Goals for 2014 (Gary) – Reviewed list of items and then added Improved Financial Recordkeeping and continuing progress toward completion of archival data collection.

- REVISIT INACTIVE CONTACTS, CONFIRM CONTINUED INTEREST FROM OSRB
- DEVELOP A STRUCTURE FOR friends OF NEW GARDEN TRAILS

- CONTINUE/COMPLETE WORK ON NEW TRAIL HEAD
- EXPAND LIST OF POTENTIAL NOMINEES FOR OSRB VACANCIES
- PURSUE a conservation Easement for CRAWFORD PROPERTY WITH LONDON BRITAIN TWP.  
AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTNERS

The Public Session closed at 8:27.

