

Minutes - December, 2014 OSRB Meeting

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New Garden Township Open Space Review Board met **December 16th, 2014** at the Township Building. Meeting convened at 7:05 pm.

Attendance:

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

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

Old Business

- Friends of New Garden Trails update (Don) -All work is on hold now due to the weather. Kiosk work being done by Rich off site. There is still potential for Boy Scout projects (Troop 53) as well as service projects.
- Grant Coordinator/Funds Report (Don) -
 - The PECO Green Region grant - Board of Supervisors approved expense reimbursement at the last meeting. There is \$995.07 remaining in the budget for the Landenberg Junction trail. Approximately \$850 will be used for stairs to be completed by Bill Graham (?). So the funding will be essentially completed at that point.
 - White Clay Creek Lamborn Run grant (\$53,000) closes 2017. A request for proposal (RFP) was submitted and 3 responses were received. A contractor has been selected. There are 3 phases to the project. **PF - Don will send out name of contractor and review more details at next meeting. Continue**

working with Shane Morgan and others on implementation plans for the multi-year project.

- Volunteer Hours Report (Gary) - Reminder to keep track of your hours using form that Gary has provided. **PF - Everyone keep track of hours by month and forward to Don to track. This is critical for the annual report, so please do is ASAP.**
- Hendrickson parcel purchase (Erin) - Erin reported that there are some deed and declaration issues. Specifically around the well location that may be on another adjacent property, as well as ownership for the lower rail bed. BOS signoff therefore was not done at the December meeting. **PF - Erin to speak to surveyor regarding review of the above issues.**
- New Garden Lyceum Newsletter articles (Chris/Stan) - Next issue (December release date of 12/22) will feature a resident profile of Mr. Hendrickson along with an article on the Landenberg Junction Trail. Shane will also have an article on habitat restoration. Future issues will highlight other topics posted in agenda.

New Business

- Gary passed out a copy of the article on the Coons-Pitts bill to widen the projected area of the White Clay Creek. See link here->
<http://www.coons.senate.gov/newsroom/releases/release/congress-passes-coons-pitts-bill-to-widen-protected-area-of-white-clay-creek>
- Terms Expiring at end of 2014 - Will need some replacement candidates for 2015. This should be discussed at the 1/5 BOS township meeting.
PF - Forward any suggestions to Gary.
- Documents file (Gary) - Gary will forward files to Chris. Don will also do this. Rich should also gather any files and forward to Chris as well.
- Chris mentioned that the new Township Manager has been appointed, Tony Scheivert. See article here ->
<http://www.newgarden.org/linkpage.php?content=newmanagerTS&classname=homepage&titlename=New%20Manager>
- New Garden Newsletter - Planned articles for the township newsletter were scheduled for upcoming issues.
PF - Develop future articles for the newsletter as follows:
 - **Spring 2015** Water Quality - Shane Morgan
 - **Summer 2015** Lamborn Run Project - Shane and Don
 - **Fall 2015** Conservation easements (land use, protections provided, funding, and benefits for owner and to community, etc.) - Chris

The Public Session closed at approx. 7:45 pm and the Board moved to Executive Session.