Minutes

The Open Space Advisory Committee of West Vincent Township

Regular Meeting on March 28, 2023

Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Call the Meeting to Order: James Bergey called the meeting to order at 7:07

Approve the minutes of the meeting of February 28th. The minutes were approved unanimously.

County's Open Space Municipal Outreach Initiative: Three guests were welcomed at the meeting:

Pam Brown, French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust

Victoria Laubach, Green Valleys Watershed Assoc.

Rachael Griffith, Chester County Sustainability Director

Topics: County goal: Preserve “a significant percentage” of open space

West Vincent is viewed as “a rural resource area.”

Recommended open space preservation tools are available from the county.

The County is considering “best ways to preserve open space and plan for the future.”

Old Business:

1. Discussion of draft letter to property owners. The revisions to the draft were accepted.
2. Glaser Property Ranking: Jim had scheduled a meeting with Ms. Glasser the following week to go over the possibilities for her property.

New Business:

Mr. Hill presented the issues with his property (1692 Hollow Rd.).

He owns 45 acres, which he purchased between 2012-2017. In 2018 the property was subdivided: 19 acres/10 acres and 10 acres.

Mr. Hill referenced the Greenways dispute regarding his property, and the Ordinance dispute/interpretation.

Mr. Hill still wants to sell 10 TDRs.

Jim responded with the following points and questions:

Twenty-nine acres of Mr. Hill’s property are Greenways that can’t be developed.

Question: Should the Township buy the TDRs?

There are issues that surround the Township’s purchasing of the TDRs.

Was a pst recommendation made by the Open Space Committee to the Board of Supervisors regarding Mr. Hill’s property?

Jim will confer with the Township Supervisors and seek a legal opinion.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023