Minutes

The Open Space Advisory Committee of West Vincent Township

Regular Meeting on September 26, 2023

Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Call the Meeting to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Jim.

Approve the minutes of the meeting of May 23rd: the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business: One hundred and thirty (130) letters were sent out regarding interest in preserving properties for open space.

New Business:

1. Discussion of responses to draft letter to property owners

-Butler property: St. Matthews and Flowing Springs Rds. Across from Bryn Coed Preserve. The southwest side of the intersection. 12.3 acres, with a pond, farmhouse, and stream. A TDR worksheet has been ordered.

-McCartney property: 853 St. Matthews. 10 acres. There is a title issue that must be resolved first; could lead to complications.

1. Fall Fest: materials, table: A table will be manned by members of our group for information and assistance.

Suggested materials: protection and preservation of properties and legal issues; brochure on National Heritage Areas

Comments from the Public: John Eldridge questioned the $30 K Open Space dollars spent for trails. Jim responded that the Board of Supervisors makes this determination. The trail connects the Township Park and Open Space A.

John further commented and asked: when he did his TDRs for his 12 acres. The location of the house for future owners has to be determined. Why? Jim Bergey responded that the township wants the house built to the view of the open space. John sees this as an unreasonable restriction. Jim replied that the placement of the home is open to negotiation. Viewsheds are preserved. Typically, there is a map of the property, and the map shows where the building envelope should be.

Bernie Couris has been contacted by the property owner at Hollow and French Creek Rds. (Mr. Hill) and the decisions made around his TDRs. Jim Bergey pointed out that this is an old issue and out of the Open Space Committee’s responsibilities.

Dana Alan commented that the Trails Committee needs new members and people can learn more and sign up through the Township’s website.

Adjourn: The Meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023