



## Minutes

### The Open Space Review Board of West Vincent Township Regular Meeting on August 26, 2025

Attendees: Jeff Butler, Donna Delany, Dawn Fryer

#### Administrative:

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Jeff Butler called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM EDT
2. Approve the minutes of the meeting of July 22, 2025. The minutes were approved (3-0). Yes - Jeff Butler, Dawn Fryer, Donna Delany. Absent - Pam Brown, Nick Rotoli.

#### Ongoing Business:

1. TDR status discussion
  - a. Discussion regarding how to balance ranking incentives between conservation easements and TDR sales without losing landowner participation?
  - b. Discussion regarding how to ensure timely and effective communication between the board, township manager, and committees on land conservation matters?
2. Conservation easement process review
  - a. There is a need for clearer policies on what costs the township will cover in conservation deals to improve transparency and consistency
  - b. Improve communication and clarify executive session procedures to allow better stakeholder involvement in land deal discussions

#### New Business:

1. Upcoming marketing initiatives
  - a. Marketing and community engagement efforts are lacking, with suggestions to use postcards and newsletters to raise awareness about conservation opportunities
  - b. Prepare and possibly send a targeted postcard to about 200 landowners with viable conservation properties, pending budget approval
2. Property development
  - a. The Bennett farm is a critical property under threat from development.
  - b. The Open Space Review Board unanimously passed a motion to recommend that the West Vincent Township Board of Supervisors support protection of the Bennett Farm by dedicating all available financial resources, including use of all available Open Space Funds, if presented with a viable conservation opportunity.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025

