

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE July 22, 2013 MEETING REPORT

Attending: Michael DelRossi Janet Ebert Alan Horowitz Dave Poston
Debbie Reardon Shelia Fleming, Brandywine Conservancy
Kathleen Goodier, Greenway representative Judy Lizza, interim township manager

The minutes of the May 9, 2013 meeting were approved. There was no meeting in June.

Shelia Fleming gave an update on the Brandywine Creek Greenway, which now includes eight municipalities on the west branch, and led a discussion on determining a strategic action plan. Bike Route L and the Brandywine (foot)trail were mentioned. Chadds Ford village has been designated as a gateway, and the Route 1 corridor including the museums and parks as a hub. Possible actions included interpretive signage and traffic calming on Route 1.

The OS Comm. consulted legal council and looked at rates in other townships and then proposed an updated formula for determining fee-in-lieu rates, following the suggestion of Kathryn Labrum, Solicitor. The recommended change was passed to the Planning Commission, which approved it by a vote of 3 to 1. This is an ordinance change that must follow the proper procedure and be approved by the BOS. Also there may need to be changes in wording of the ordinance so that future changes in rates can be made by resolution.

The Stonebridge property at the corner of Webb Road and Rt. 1 and zoned R-1, has been conducting events without permits and has come before the zoning hearing board. The OS Comm. discussed their concerns about the situation and a possible variance, considering open space values and implications for further commercial activity along the Rt. 1 corridor