

MINUTES
CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 8, 2009

Attending: Balu Balakrishnan David Poston
 Michael DelRossi Deborah Reardon
 Janet Ebert Lois Saunders
 Kathleen Goodier

The meeting started at 7:05.

The minutes for the November 13, 2008 meetings were approved.

Reorganization: The committee welcomed the new member, Balu Balakrishnan.

Officers for 2009 are: Chairman – Deborah Reardon, Vice-chairman – Kathleen Goodier, Recording Secretary – Janet Ebert, Corresponding Secretary – Kathleen Goodier, Treasurer – Balu Balakrishnan, Website coordinator - Balu Balakrishnan, Comp plan task force representative – Lois Saunders, Mailing – Michael DelRossi

Finances: The township received its first fee-in-lieu payment of about \$ 3700. The OS Comm should be kept informed about fee-in-lieu negotiations. About \$434,000 has been received so far from the open space tax.

PECO: The Supervisors met with PECO and are still asserting that permits are needed. PECO has not responded recently.

Trails and Grants: George Thorpe has suggested that a concept trail plan for the entire township could be a priority in a block grant, but Lois Saunders said that the only block grants were federally funded community development grants that probably would not cover trail planning studies. A block grant would cover transportation studies, several of which are underway or proposed in the township. These studies are not well coordinated. DCNR is much more likely to award a grant for a township concept trail plan than for an individual (Harvey Run) trail. The OS Comm will begin writing a DCNR grant proposal immediately, since the deadline is in April. It will also draft a letter to the BOS explaining the importance of a trail master plan and seeking approval to use open space tax funds to match the grant.

Comprehensive Plan update: Lois Saunders passed out drafts of parts of the comp plan. The plan has only three chapters, and most of the supporting data is in six appendices. The OS Comm needs to review these drafts carefully before the next task force meeting on February 25th. Lois also had three maps that will be copied and distributed to committee members for review and revision.

The meeting ended at 9:40 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 P.M. at the Township Building.