

MINUTES
CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
13 November, 2008

Attending: Michael DelRossi Deborah Reardon
Janet Ebert Lois Saunders
Kathleen Goodier Kathy Wandersee
David Poston
Public: Bob Wingert

The meeting started at 7:05

Minutes of the October 16 meeting were corrected and approved.

Treasurer's report: Jim Whisman has not returned the OS financial records yet.

Debbie Reardon reported that the proposed 2009 budget includes \$ 250.00 for the OS Comm. The 2009 meeting schedule will be checked for conflicts with holidays and other events.

PECO tree trimming: PECO has requested a copy of the Open Space Plan, and has had legal council at its last meeting with the township. The township claims that PECO needs permits to cut, and PECO says that they are not clear-cutting, and do not need permits. The OS Comm. should be represented at meetings with PECO.

The Harvey Run trail: Janet Ebert reported that she has completed the first phase of a PNDI rare plant search of the proposed trail corridor, and found scattered plants of *Andropogon gyrans* (PA Rare). This finding might necessitate moving the trail slightly or improving trailside habitat, but would not be a major problem. The meeting with Carolyn Wallis of DCNR was encouraging. She suggested applying for a grant for a trail master plan for the township rather than a grant for just the Harvey Run trail. A letter from the township engineer gave some very rough estimates of costs for planning and development grants, but was somewhat confusing about the term "master site plan".

Comprehensive Plan Task Force: Dave Poston reported that the draft map of existing land use for the Comp Plan does not agree with the map in the OS Plan. The Comp Plan map has confusing, inconsistent categories, uses data from the Assessors Office not the Planning Commission, and should be improved.

The meeting ended at 9:20.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 8, 2009.