

MINUTES
CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 12, 2009

Attending:	Balu Balakrishnan	Deborah Reardon
	Janet Ebert	Lois Saunders
	Kathleen Goodier	Kathy Wandersee

The meeting started at 7:05.

The minutes for the January 8, 2009 meetings were approved.

PECO: The township is suing PECO for not obtaining permits for proposed soil disturbances.

Brandywine Conservancy: Debbie R., Kathleen G., and Lois S. wrote a short statement for the Conservancy's Municipal Assistance brochure explaining the valuable help and guidance the Conservancy provided to the township for the Open Space referendum.

Trails: All three Supervisors have approved matching funds from the township for a DCNR grant for trail planning and possibly the Harvey Run trail. The OS Comm. discussed the source of these matching funds, and concluded that open space tax monies could NOT be used. Fee-in-lieu monies could be used, but no immediate new fee-in-lieu payments are anticipated, and current open space resources do not exceed \$ 15,000. Debbie R. will clarify the restrictions on funds with the BOS, and the Committee agreed to proceed with the DCNR grant application. Carolyn Wallis of DCNR has been very supportive and has sent sample applications. Lois S. will work on cost estimates. Kathleen G. has begun work on a narrative. Some maps and photos will be needed. The Committee agreed to accept e-mail or phone votes to approve spending funds for the application if necessary.

Comp Plan draft review: Several draft maps for the comp plan are confusing, inaccurate, and inconsistent with Open Space Plan maps. The text and appendices seem to be taken from a template without being edited to reflect the individuality of Chadds Ford Township. Some statements are internally inconsistent or do not make sense. Important issues in the township such as flooding and community values have not been addressed. The next Comp Plan Task Force meeting on March 11 will allow for public participation.

The meeting ended at 9:30 P.M.

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