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FROM THE BOARD ROOM -OPEN SPACE

In terms of importance, preservation of open space is at the top of the list of priorities for West Pikeland residents. It is also one of the primary goals of the Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township. That is why the Board established the West Pikeland Land Trust in 1999. It is composed of residents who volunteer their time and are committed to protecting as much land as possible from development in addition to providing stewardship for township owned properties. To that end WPLT put forth an open space tax referendum in 2007 that was adopted by vote of township residents. In addition to providing funds for easements, land purchase and maintenance of open spaces and parks it made West Pikeland eligible for grant money from the county and state to be used in kind. As detailed in the earlier article on Walnut Lane Park the township has received a number of significant grants over the years making possible purchasing land for parks and purchasing easements.

West Pikeland Township owns and maintains approximately 538 acres of land. This includes Pine Creek Park with 73.3 acres, Walnut Lane Park with 62 acres, two parcels of land donated by the Dietrichs with 40.8 acres and 68 acres, and Windolf Knoll with 24.2 acres. The rest of the land owned by the township are smaller parcels including Pickering Grove which is home to Miss Betty's Day Camps.

Like the West Pike Land Trust, the Open Space Advisory Committee is made up as well of township residents that volunteer their time and is an integral part of the process of identifying properties of interest and taking the steps to establishing easements on them. When evaluating properties for easement the committee takes into consideration a number of criteria including potential for development, connectivity with existing properties and trails, protection of environmentally sensitive areas (like stream banks), and vista (view).



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As elected officials we understand our responsibilities relative to our residents and will continue to be guided by your desires and needs.

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Additionally they do cost analysis to insure the township is spending funds wisely before recommending a property to the Board of Supervisors.

The Open Space Advisory Committee has done invaluable work over the years and is the main reason the township has been able to establish easements on over 400 acres of land within West Pikeland Township. Further, they have helped to establish trails, work to maintain trails, planted trees, and have engaged children in service and learning relative to the importance of maintaining open space and protecting the environment. Their work is ongoing and they are currently involved in discussions concerning additional properties which will result in the preservation of more open space within West Pikeland Township in the future.

(L-R: Harold Hallman III, Charlie Humphreys, Dr. Richard Bright, Noreen Vigilante and Carin Mifsud).

