

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE
October 12, 2023**

A regular meeting of the West Pikeland Township Open Space Advisory Subcommittee was convened on October 12, 2023 at the West Pikeland Township Municipal Building, at 1645 Art School Road in Chester Springs, PA 19425.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lisa Lacroix at 7:00 p.m. Other Subcommittee members present were Glenn Wenger, John Hornsey and Sean O’Neill. Also attending, via telephone conference, were Art Vrecenak and Teresa Wood. Upon opening the meeting, Lisa Lacroix suspended the general public session and convened an Executive Session to discuss property-specific matters. *See*, Executive Session Notes Addendum for Open Space Advisory Subcommittee Meeting of October 12, 2023.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Upon the conclusion of the Executive Session at 7:30 p.m., the Regular Meeting in progress was reconvened. Lisa Lacroix noted that there were no persons from the public in attendance at the meeting and wishing to be heard at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On request of Chairperson Lisa Lacroix, Glenn Wenger moved for approval of the draft editions of the meeting Minutes and Executive Session Notes Addendum for September 14, 2023.

GENERAL BUSINESS

John Hornsey questioned the other Subcommittee members present whether there were permitted to be improvements on the Kerfeal property (the former Barnes Foundation property between Bodine, Seven Oaks and Lower Pinecreek Roads) beyond those permitted for the four (4) residential lots formed by the restricted subdivision of that site. Mr. Sean O’Neill indicated that it was his recollection that none other than would be allowed on each of the four residential subdivision lots is permitted, though each lot may allow for certain types of accessory improvements appurtenant to a single-family dwelling. It was suggested that for further details on the matter, Mr. Hornsey should check with Jack Stefferud of Natural Lands Trust, as NLT is the monitoring conservancy for the conservation easement on the Kerfeal property.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Teresa Wood reported that the following open space funds are currently (as of the time of the meeting) held on account: \$282,449.00 are being held on account for Open Space acquisition and \$252,248.00 are open space funds which may be applied to maintenance. In addition, \$1,600,000.00 in certificates of deposit are held for open space acquisition; and \$900,000.00 in certificates of deposit are available for open space maintenance funding. The total of the overall

funds held for open space is \$3,034,696.00. In discussion, it was noted that funds available for maintenance are not required to be spent on maintenance; rather, the open space tax law allows 25% of the income generated from the open space tax to be applied to maintenance but does not require such application to maintenance. It was also noted that the available funds expendable on maintenance may be applied toward maintenance of any open space lands and not merely those that were acquired through investment of the open space tax funds. Lisa Lacroix reported that the Board of Supervisors is considering paying park maintenance salaries from open space funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

Glenn Wenger stated that he will defer update on Environmental Advisory Council activities until a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the Regular Meeting of the Open Space Advisory Subcommittee was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sean O'Neill, Secretary