

SALFORD TOWNSHIP
JOINT MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE AND THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Meeting Minutes
6/15/10
7:15 p.m.

Location: Salford Township Building

Open Space Committee attendees: George Di Domizio, Chair, Barbara McMonagle, Harris Mosher, John Feldi

Park and Recreation Board attendees: Frank Jarrett

Other attendees: None

Fifth annual Open Space Workshop and Dinner on May 27:

Barb McMonagle gave a detailed report on the event that included more opportunities for networking with individuals at the county and state level, along with representatives of the organizations involved in open space preservation. She was able to get information about townships that mounted successful campaigns for referendums for funding open space. This information will be helpful when Salford moves forward with a referendum because there are multiple details involved for such an effort.

Growing Greener Campaign:

Several members of the Committee have signed on as supporters of the Growing Greener effort to encourage a renewal of Growing Greener project that hopes secure a state investment of \$200 million annually. In addition to individual member support, the Committee itself will become a supporter of the effort. A model resolution supplied by Andrew Heath, Executive Director of Growing Greener, was reviewed and will be presented to the Salford Board of Supervisors for consideration and adoption.

Update on Croll Property:

The Committee continued its discussion on the pros and cons of the Croll Property. It was helpful to have Frank Jarrett available to join in the discussion. It was decided to schedule a special meeting of the Open Space Committee and the Park and Recreation Board to put together a "Case for the Croll Property" that would provide the Supervisors with sufficient information to make a decision on the property. One opportunity is to invest in a formal evaluation of the property by an expert who would perform the evaluation for a fee of \$6,000. Barbara McMonagle continues to monitor activity for the parcel. It was decided to put a hold on an earlier plan to approach the family with a proposal for a "right of first refusal" for the property.

Inventory of preserved properties:

George Di Domizio presented a first draft of an Excel spreadsheet to capture important details on the list of preserved properties that are listed in the 2005 Open Space Plan. Among the new information are acquisition costs, share of cost paid by Salford, current ownership, estimated value of the properties, etc. This will be updated as new information is generated from various sources, including tax records.

List of properties under consideration for purchase or easements:

Barbara McMonagle said she will work on an Excel file to capture the details on parcels under active consideration for easements or outright purchase. Members of the Open Space Committee who have had contact with parcel owners are asked to forward information to Barbara so she can update the file.

Review of funding sources:

At the earlier suggestion of member John Feldi, the Open Space Committee will develop a list of funding sources that would include the names and contact information that has been developed over the years. Barbara McMonagle, who has the most information on contacts, will lead the effort to capture the relevant information in an Excel file.

Newsletter opportunities:

The plan for an advertiser paid township newsletter has several opportunities for the Open Space Committee. One is to include a questionnaire in the newsletter that residents can use to tell us about their current interest and use of passive and active recreation facilities in the township. Frank Jarrett modified a Richland Township questionnaire that could be used for Salford. It will be distributed to the Committee and the Supervisors for review and comment.

signage for preserved properties:

There was an agenda item to discuss signage for preserved properties, but it was not discussed. It will on the agenda for the 7/20 meeting. George will have photos of the various signs now displayed on preserved property to help the group make decision on the sign issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, July 20 at 7:15 at the township building. An agenda will be distributed to members on or before Friday, July 13. Members of the Park and Recreation Board and the Finance Committee will be invited.

Prepared on 6/23/10 by: George Di Domizio