

## **Salford Township Open Space Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**March 3, 2009**

**Location: Salford Township Building**

**Attendees:** Larry Anderson, Harris Mosher, Melody Leithold and Barbara McMonagle

**The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M.**

#### **Active Properties:**

Halteman-Clemens-Schultz Properties – 59± acre property. Larry, Barb and Jake Lea (Montgomery County Lands Trust) are meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> with the families to discuss their interest in reapplying to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for a grant. The grant, if awarded, would cover up to 50% of the costs of conservation and trail easements on these three properties. We still feel this is a great project.

Croll Property - 24± acre property. Larry, Barb and Jake Lea (Montgomery County Lands Trust) have been meeting with the family to discuss various methods of preserving this property. We are currently in the process of having an appraisal done on the property.

Other Properties - We are pursuing several properties. Anyone interested in preserving their property is encouraged to contact any Open Space member for more information.

#### **Other Business:**

**Community Assessment by Natural Lands Trust** – Barb discussed the Natural Lands Trust Community Assessment Program. For approximately \$500 plus travel costs, NLT will evaluate our current zoning ordinances and make suggestions in relationship to Growing Greener planning initiatives. Upper Salford has been using Growing Greener since 1999. With Growing Greener at least 50% of all developed land could be set aside as open space and it doesn't cost the township anything. We are not bound to make any changes. We decided to go ahead with the assessment and use part of the funds allotted to us for Open Space in the budget.

Montgomery County Open Space Program – All municipalities have until April 2009 to submit applications for the use of their allotted open space funds. After April 1, 2009, all remaining funds will go into a pool for the “second round”. The “second round” of grants will be awarded on a priority basis as established by the Montgomery County Open Space Board.

DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant Workshop – Barb attended the workshop in February.

**Next Meeting – March 17, 2009**

**Meeting was adjourned 9:15 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara McMonagle