

Salford Township Open Space Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2008

Location: Salford Township Building

Attendees: Larry Anderson, Harris Moser and Barbara McMonagle

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Active Properties:

Haltzman-Clemens-Schultz Properties – 59± acres property. The application has been submitted to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for 50% of the costs of conservation and trail easements on these three properties. We have not heard anything yet. Our partner, Montgomery County Lands Trust (MCLT) is drafting an Agreement of Sale for the above properties and will be submitting a formal application to the Montgomery County Open Space Board for the remaining 50% of the cost.

Barndt – Scheip Road - The appraised value of this property is \$1,200. The township will move forward with accepting the donation of this parcel which is located adjacent to the Salford Township Maintenance Building on Badman Road.

Other Properties: Several other properties are in the early stages.

Other Business:

Open Space Referendum – The Salford Township Board of Supervisors at their July 10th, 2008 meeting discussed the creation of a dedicated Open Space Tax to be used for acquisition and/or maintenance of Open Space. Many local municipalities in our area already have a similar tax.

Green Region (PECO Open Space Program) – Earlier this year we received a quote from Natural Lands Trust for an evaluation and maintenance plan at Whites Mill Preserve (143 acres). Barb spoke to Betsy Robb of Natural Lands Trust who administers the PECO Green Region Grant Program and decided it would be inappropriate for Salford to apply to the PECO Green Region Open Space Program for this project because Natural Lands Trust would be the recipient. An alternate source to help fund this plan is being sought.

Next Meeting – August 19, 2008

Meeting was adjourned 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara McMonagle