

East Coventry Township
855 Ellis Woods Road, Pottstown, PA 19465

Open Space Committee
Wednesday, June 6, 2012

MINUTES

Present: Mariea Geho, Lance Parson, Melissa Albright, Michael Hott, Roland Kolb, Rosemarie Miller

Guests: Mike Moyer

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes from the last meeting (April 4, 2012) were approved.
4. **Public Comments.** None
5. **Review of Forms.**
 - A. **Parcels of Interest Evaluation Worksheet.** Melissa Albright provided a draft evaluation worksheet. The committee adopted the draft evaluation worksheet with the addition of a criterion for linear footage of a stream or waterway through a parcel.
 - B. **Definition of "Riparian Buffer Area."** Lance Parsons provided a current SALSO, a draft SALDO and a proposed SALDO and ZO definition of "riparian buffer area." The committee adopted the proposed SALDO and ZO definition, which is as follows:

any area within one hundred (100) feet measured from the top of the stream bank or within one hundred (100) feet measured from the water's edge if no well defined stream bank is present along Pigeon Creek, Stony Run, Bickle's Run, the Schuylkill River, and their perennial tributaries, within which no land disturbance is permitted. These buffer areas shall consist of permanent vegetation consisting of native trees, shrubs and forbs along the above-mentioned watercourses that are maintained in a natural state or managed to protect and enhance water quality, stabilize stream channels and banks, and buffer land use activities from surface waters. Riparian buffer areas are not required around intermittent or seasonal watercourses.
6. **Review of Maps.** Michael Hott provided a list of properties with conservation easements. The committee discussed the goals of connecting existing conservation and/or township owned property. Members of the committee marked parcels of interest for consideration.
7. **New Business.** None
8. **Next Meeting.** No meeting in July. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 1, 2012.
9. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa S. Albright

Melissa S. Albright, Secretary