

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

Open Space Committee
Wednesday, November 5, 2014
MINUTES

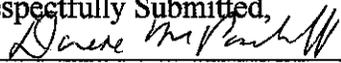
Present: Mariea Geho (Chair), Lance Parson (Vice-Chair), Dorene Pasekoff (Secretary), Roland Kolb, (member) Stephen Schur (member), Larry Tietjen (member)
Also attending : Karen Nocella Supervisor.

1. **Call to Order.** Mariea Geho called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes from the September 3, 2014 meeting were discussed. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes from the September 3, 2014 meeting were approved.
4. **New Business.** Mariea Geho mentioned that the Wineberry property will be plowed this fall and in the Spring of 2015, will be planted in meadowgrass. Meadowgrass takes 3 to 5 years to become established; it will be planted in years 1 through 3 and cut no lower than 10 inches, then afterwards, wildflower seeds can be added. Natural Lands Trust has suggested a grower with the specialized equipment to plant meadowgrass and it is expected that East Coventry Township will hire this grower to do the work. As 25% of open space funds can be used for maintaining the Township's open space, the Township has the funds in hand for this project.

The Township would like to purchase the 3 acre close to the trails on the Maack property as a parking area for horse trailers as it is close to several horse trails. Benches could also be installed for walkers to rest. The Township is only allowed to pay the appraised value for a property.

Mariea Geho suggested that the Committee in 2015 see what 2014 Open Space money is left after bills and projects are paid for and consider using the leftover 2014 money to pay down one of the two loans used to purchase current open space. Larry Tietjen suggested that in 2015, the Committee look at a financial plan that estimates Open Space funding for 5 years out so that the Committee can make the best choices for the Township with those funds, specifically, whether to purchase new properties and/or to pay down loans. Mariea Geho said such a financial plan would be possible in 2015 since enough time had passed that the Township had a better understanding of how much money could be collected as Open Space funding.

5. **Public Comment.** None
6. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting is Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
7. **Adjournment.** On a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Dorene M. Pasekoff, Secretary