

MINUTES OF THE  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14, 2011  
(Approved May 9, 2011)

The Board of Supervisors held a special meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2011. Present for the meeting were supervisors Ray Kolb, Mariea Geho, Timothy Roland, W. Atlee Rinehart and Michael Albert Moyer. Also present was Bernard A. Rodgers, Township Manager.

Mr. Kolb called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Kolb noted that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss how to use the Open Space Municipal Resident Tax that was approved by the ballot referendum last fall and that Karen Nocella, Chair of the Township Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee had invited a number of individuals from neighboring municipalities that had experience with this issue to make presentations to the Board of Supervisors.

The individuals and their presentation topics were as follows:

Chris Washburn , Chairman of the North Coventry Township Open Space Review Board presented a discussion on establishing an Open Space Review Board and the Board's responsibilities based on the North Coventry Township experience.

Jim Wendelgass, Manager of West Vincent Township presented a review of the Manager's role in West Vincent Township in facilitating the open space process as experienced in West Vincent Township.

Michael Wolf, Managing Director for Boenning & Scattergood, Inc., an investment banking firm, discussed various alternatives to use when financing the acquisition of open space and using the proceeds from the open space tax.

Clare Quinn, a member of the Board of Supervisors in West Vincent Township discussed that Township's use of Conservation Easements and the Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) in preserving open space.

Andy Parvis, a member of the North Coventry Township Board of Supervisors, discussed that Township's approach and history with respect to the imposition, collection and use of an open space tax to preserve land from development.

General discussion ensued during the various presentations and all participants were thanked for their time and willingness to share their experiences.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Roland moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard A. Rodgers  
Township Secretary