

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

Open Space Committee
Wednesday, February 1, 2012

MINUTES

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

Guests: Bernard Rogers, Karen Nocella, Mike Moyer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

1. **Organization of Officers.** The Committee elected officers by nomination and a unanimous vote for each of: Chair – Mariea Geho; Vice Chair – Lance Parson; Secretary – Melissa Albright.
2. **Schedule of Meetings for 2012.** The Committee elected by nomination and a unanimous vote to hold regular, monthly meetings at 7:00pm on the first Wednesday of every month, except July, for the year 2012 as follows:

March 7, 2012
April 4, 2012
May 2, 2012
June 6, 2012
August 1, 2012
September 5, 2012
October 3, 2012
November 7, 2012
December 5, 2012

Mariea stated that the township will advertise for every month, except July.

3. **Review of Forms.** Mariea explained that the Committee must adopt a Land Protection Criteria plan and provided three sample forms from the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. Mariea also provided a form from West Vincent Township and explained that West Vincent Township's form would be different from East Coventry Township's plan in that West Vincent Township's plan uses TDRs (Transferable Development Rights), for which East Coventry Township does not have an ordinance. To further explain, Mariea provided a sample TDR form and West Vincent Township's TDR Worksheet.

New Business

4. **Parcel Map indicating Parcels of Interest.** Mike Hott provided a map showing the township and all its parcels of interest, which are properties with ten or more acres. Mike

also provided a spreadsheet, which gave detailed information about each of the parcels of interest.

5. **Determining which Parcels to Acquire.** Karen stated that one of the committee's first tasks is to create a priority list of parcels, and Lance added that the committee must set a plan so that it is treating all parcels of interest in a similar manner. Karen also stated that a few criteria should be whether a parcel abuts an already preserved parcel and whether a parcel is part of Pigeon Creek.
6. **Funding Easement Purchases.** Karen offered to request that Pam Brown from the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust come and speak at one of the committee's meetings. Pam writes conservation easements and deals with grants.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm