

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

Open Space Committee
Wednesday, May 7, 2014

MINUTES

Present: Mariea Geho (Chair), N. Lance Parson (Vice-chair); Dorene Pasekoff (Secretary), Michael Hott (member), Roland Kolb (member), Stephen Schur (member)

1. **Call to Order.** Mariea Geho called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes from the March 5, 2014 meeting were discussed. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes from the March 5, 2014 meeting were approved.
4. **New Business.**

Mariea Geho reported that the Township is seeking bids to create an updated Environmental Resources Plan.

Response to Open Space article in Township Newsletter: Several owners of properties less than 10 acres responded, but as the Township is looking for easements on properties of 10 acres or more, the committee will not review these properties at this time, but hopes that landowners of 10 acres or more will respond.

Dorene Pasekoff had a question on assistance for Township landowners who currently have conservation easements. Landowners with Township Easements are the owners of their land, including the land under easement, so the Township will not be providing technical or financial assistance for caring for these lands.

Mariea Geho reminded new members that funding for open space in the Township is only through the tax money collected for that purpose. The Board of Supervisors has asked the Open Space Committee to focus on areas in the Township that are not zoned commercial and are without sewer service.

Committee members received a copy of the Proposal for Stewardship Plan of East Coventry Township's Wineberry Estates Open Space. This proposal was rejected by the Board of Supervisors as too expensive for the Township budget at this time.

The Township is considering allowing deer hunting by permit for East Coventry residents on the open space it manages. Member Mike Hott has experience with these programs and will follow up with the Township Manager.

5. **Public Comment.** None
6. **Questions on Agriculture Easement.** None

7. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting is Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
8. **Adjournment.** On a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorene M. Pasekoff, Secretary