

Delaware Township Open Space Committee Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2019

Prepared by Katherine Fullerton, Open Space Coordinator

Open Space Chairperson Rosalind Westlake called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Open Space Coordinator Katherine Fullerton took the roll call. In attendance were: Rosalind Westlake, Larry Coffey, Susan Lockwood, and Steven Smotrich. Joshua Goldman was excused for a County Open Space Committee meeting. Eunice Bench and Deb Kline were present as guests and prospective committee members.

Member Coffey made a motion to recommend both Ms. Bench and Ms. Kline as new members of the Open Space Committee. It was seconded by Member Smotrich. All in favor.

The December 17, 2018 meeting minutes and the January 14, 2019 meeting minutes could not be adopted as there were not enough eligible members present to vote for either set of minutes. The minutes were tabled until the April 15 meeting.

The CFO had requested a discussion regarding the Open Space Committee Budget. There was a discussion regarding the \$120,000 debt payment/correction. It was suggested that debt payments should be discussed later in the year, when we have a better sense of the accounting in the fund. It was also noted that debt payments are preferred to be paid from the Township Open Space Trust Fund, rather than other sources, such as the County Municipal Grant program. In the past, the County funds were used for the soft costs of acquisition, and the Open Space Committee likes the money to be used that way.

Member Smotrich left the meeting at this point in order to attend a Recreation Committee meeting. The other Committee members reviewed the properties being preserved. No action was taken on any application.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:30pm.