

Delaware Township Open Space Committee Minutes
Monday, November 16, 2020
Prepared by Katherine Fullerton, Open Space Coordinator

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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: Larry Coffey, Joshua Goldman, Kathy Katz, Susan Lockwood, Steven Smotrich, and Rosalind Westlake.

Member Lockwood made a motion to approve the October 19, 2020 meeting minutes and Member Goldman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Update of Existing Applications

The OS Committee received an update on the following applications:

- Maresca –
The Title documents are being finalized for closing. No date is set.
- Lee/Lau –
The survey has been finalized with SADC. We're hoping for a January closing.
- Curtis Farm –
There has been no update on the Non-profit grant applications.
- The Yerk property along Sergeantsville Road is still being considered for preservation, but nothing new has happened.
- There is a property up for sale that is approximately 25 acres that the SADC coordinator noticed and thought would be a good preservation site. Coordinator Fullerton contacted the real estate agent for the property and they will consider preservation as an option.
- Coordinator Fullerton has noticed the file from when the owners of Block 60 Lot 9.04 applied for preservation previously, but has not had time to review the file at the Township Building.

Discussion of Open Space Improvement and Maintenance Plan

The Township Committee reviewed the Open Space Improvement and Maintenance Plan at last week's Township Committee meeting. The Township Committee had a slight change to one paragraph within the Plan; regarding the idea of a public pool. The research from the Township Committee indicates that a public pool could be an onerous undertaking. It was not clear from the Clerk's comments whether a vote was taken approving the plan. Member Lockwood explained that the Township Committee had many questions on the funding process from the County, especially how specific the plan needed to be in order to apply for the funding. As there is no deadline for the Plan to be submitted to the County, it was felt that Recreation Commission should review the minor changes made by the Township Committee and send it back to the Township Committee for approval. Member Goldman and Coordinator Fullerton explained that Delaware Township would be the second municipality to use the funds for this purpose, so some of this is new for everyone involved. Since the funds come from the County Municipal Allocation fund of the Open Space Tax, the application process is the same as for any request for Municipal Allocation funds.

Discussion of Farmland Preservation Plan

Coordinator Fullerton explained that the timeline for the Farmland Preservation Plan is that the SADC does not expect a submission from the Township for another year, at the earliest. SADC would like to see work done on the Plan within a year, which the Township has done. The Committee discussed agricultural trends and Agricultural Advisory Committee members who could help explain what is new in agriculture in Delaware.

County Open Space Committee Update

There was no County Open Space Committee update – the meeting is next week.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

Member Smotrich had nothing further to report on from the Recreation Commission, since the Commission was focused on the Improvement and Maintenance Plan. It was noted that the Recreation Commission should re-approve the Improvement and Maintenance Plan and resubmit it to the Township Committee.

Comments from the Committee

There were no comments from any Committee members. There were members of the public, so the Chair closed the meeting to the public.

Member Lockwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Member Goldman seconded the motion. The meeting ended at approximately 8pm.