

**WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION TASK FORCE MINUTES
JULY 30, 2012**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by John McGowen.

Present: John McGowen (Chair), Ruth Schemm, Kathy Newcomb, Ivy Ross, Bob Williamson, Shirley Yannich, Dale Hall and Tim Tieperman represented the township and guest Judith Stern Goldstein.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	Who/TIME LINE
1. Meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M.			N/A
2. Minutes			ACTION: Minutes will be sent before next meeting.
OLD BUSINESS			
1. Deed Restrictions	Letter Drafted for BOS	BOS approved deed restrictions on 3 parcels: Twin Oaks, IWP and Upper Nike	ACTION: BOS approved deed restrictions. Open Space Task Force congratulated John and all Task Force Members and Supervisor Shirley Yannich who helped move this forward. We also thanked the BOS.
2. Guest Judith Goldstein, Boucher and James, Director Landscape Architecture/Planning Services who lead effort to produce Township Wide Trail System Master Plan 2007	Judith developed 2007 plan and did an environmental report and mapped all public places in township. Public, private, schools and private open space.	Need to update plan Make map current and fit things together to maximize township open space. We discuss advantages of planning route around PECO Right of Way. Horsham and Montgomery County Planning Commission successful in getting	ACTION: Judith reviewed some important items in report and urged Task Force Members to update and use geographical components in planning.

		<p>easement from PECO.</p> <p>What is difference parks and open space?</p> <p>A bond referendum is planned for Fall election for \$3 m.</p> <p>There is research to support the benefits of a trail system to township economy.</p> <p>The goals for selection of trail proposal were discussed from 2007 Goals. Issues were safety, enhancing quality of township life, and creating the most impact to link township green spaces.</p> <p>Other Suggestions:</p> <p><Update Map to help see linkages <Give 2007 Trail Report to each Task Force Member (Natural Features does not change) <Consider how to determine how passive area are used</p>	
5. Communication with Morrissey Family	Alice Morrissey willing to discuss and did not take any parcels off list for Task Force to	Four parcels were discussed. Property opposite Barness fields and parcels in back and on sides of	ACTION: Nothing at this time.

	discuss.	new fire station.	
6. Recommendation for Open Space Referendum	Board will recommend parcels for consideration to BOS	<p>Property opposite Barness Park would be an asset but traffic is a problem.</p> <p>3 properties on Street Road and Lower State in back of ball field. 500 004</p> <p>We also discuss an easement on 500 004 Pickertown near rear Firehouse in area of stream bank. Passive recreation</p> <p>We also recommended the extending proposed trail in eastern part of township from Bradford Dam area to Kemper Park and Warminster. This would be the most expensive recommendation but has the potential to create a wonderful area for passive recreation.</p>	<p>ACTION: The Task Force will ask John to recommend the following parcels for BOS consideration:</p> <p>1) Property opposite Barness Park (Old Airport)- Active Open Space</p> <p>2) Trail Expansion: Adjacent Ball field on Street and Lower State Road.- Passive Open Space</p> <p>3) Trail expansion PECO Right of Way-Passive Open Space, Trail Link</p> <p>4) Expansion trail into Warminster- Passive Open Space, Trail Link</p> <p>5) Expansion of Trail linkages to Route 202</p>
6. Next Meeting Date	NEXT MEETING will be August 27 th		
Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.			

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Schemm

Judy Suggestions:

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How do we determine how passive area are used