

WARRINGTON OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

March, 2022 Minutes

- **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** Ivy Ross, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:42 pm. Ms. Ross led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending at the Hybrid meeting were:

Ivy Ross, Chairperson	Sharon Kaszon	Guy Powell
Bill Connolly, Vice Chair	Fred Suffian	Rick Trailies, Natural Lands
Kathy Newcomb, Secretary	Fred Gaines	Kate Raman, Natural Lands
Ruth Schemm, Board of Supervisors Liaison	Rick Weiss	
	Mike Gross	

- **Public Comment:** None.

- **Business:**

a) **Natural Lands Presentation- Master Plan**

Rick Trailies of Natural Land gave a review of planning to date for Mill Creek, Weisel and Emerson preserves. Natural Lands expects to have a revised draft plan in two months. Among the things noted were consideration of ADA accessible trails, areas of reforestation and meadows, particularly at Mill Creek. Bridges at Mill Creek would allow for applying for grant funding. 100-150 foot buffers for creeks were recommended. Fred Suffian noted the need for natural stream stabilization at Mill Creek

b) **Open Space Signage**

The balance of the Open Space signs are being installed now.

c) **List of Open Space Parcels**

Ivy Ross has worked on a list of township Open Space parcels. Some considerations are whether to include Bradford Dam and PenDot wetlands in the calculations. Further discussion at next meeting.

d, e) **Removal of Trees on Open Space by a Resident**

Open Space Ordinance Update

The resident has received a letter from the township detailing what needs to be planted to mitigate the damage. Estimated cost is \$4700. Also stipulated no mowing on township open space. Discussion ensued concerning creating an ordinance for this issue or whether to tweak ordinance controlling deforestation by developers to cover this problem as well.

f) **Weisel Spring Planting Project**

Project has gone out for bid. Volunteers are needed for planting.

g) **Climate Action Plan Update**

Fred Suffian reported there have been 102 responses to date. The number one desire is to acquire more open space. Planting more trees was number 3. 78% of respondents were concerned about climate change. A presentation from Exact Solar indicates that all township energy needs can be met by installing panels on existing buildings.

m) **Approval Of Minutes**

Minutes from the February, 2022 meeting were approved.

- **Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 pm.