

WARRINGTON OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

October, 2022 Minutes

- **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** Ivy Ross, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:37 pm. Ms. Ross led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending at the Hybrid meeting were:

Ivy Ross, Chairperson	Ruth Schemm, Board of	Vanessa Maurer
Bill Connolly, Vice Chair	Supervisors Liaison	Guy Powell
Kathy Newcomb, Secretary	Sharon Kaszon	Bonnie Stetson
Barbara Brown	Rick Weiss	Brian Tuberty
	Mike Diorka	

- **Public Comment:** None.

- **Business:**

- a) **Final Open Space Map**

Map is completed and available.

- b) **Warrington Day and F.I.S.H. Project - wrap up**

There were approximately 6,000 attendees. Some highlights: Barb planted a lot of plugs; 500 plugs were given away; Penn State and Bucks County reps were in attendance. At the next FISH Project event in March live stakes will be used for erosion control

- c) **Weisel Tree Planting by Eagle Scout**

On Saturday, November 19, 16 native trees and 20 swamp oak, red Maple and hawthorne trees will be planted by the scout and 20 volunteers. Funding is with grant money.

- d) **Possible Nursery Tree Planting**

Penn State Extension will be donating 75 trees and 100 shrubs. There was discussion about various planting locations.

- e) **Master Plan Committee**

Task force to address the plans for Mill Creek Preserve. First meeting October 29 at 5:45 pm. These will be monthly public meetings. Neighborhood reps are needed.

- f) **Friends of Warrington Open Spaces**

Group to be organized. Could be 501c3. Some possible projects: a Scout wants to build a chimney swift tower. Could do a lecture series and coordinate with other municipalities.

- g) **Discussion of Past Open Space Plans and Possible Update**

The existing Plan prepared by Ann Toole is missing a lot of Open Space. Update could possibly be done in house with volunteers. Bill Connolly mentioned that Montgomery County is sponsoring a course on ROI for open space.

- h) **Discussion of Yard Waste Site at Weisel Preserve**

Mile Diorka suggested the possibility of planting evergreens at the site.

- i) **Mill Creek Tree Planting Grant**

Was not approved.

- j) **Planning Commission Update on Projects**

Bill Connolly provided an update on current items brought before the Planning Commission. Ivy reported that she and Roy Reider checked the site at Oakfield and 611. They are allowed to remove 50% of forest. It is a possible site for developers to plant replacement trees

- k) **Climate Plan Update**

Plan is complete and was sent to the BOS. It is titled "Energy Transition" on the website.

- **Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:22 pm.