

# WARRINGTON OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

## March 2023 Minutes

- **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** Ivy Ross, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:33 pm. Ms. Ross led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending at the Hybrid meeting were:

Ivy Ross, Chairperson	Ruth Schemm, BOS Liaison	Bonnie Stetson
Bill Connolly, Vice Chair	Dan Merz	Mike Diorka
Kathy Newcomb, Secretary	Fred Suffian	ZijunXu
Barbara Brown	Guy Powell	Students: Kersten Spangler,
Sharon Kaszon	Fred Gaines	Nathan Bard

- **Public Comment:** None.

- **Business:**

- a) **Master Plan Update**

Bill Connolly reported that currently the main focus is wetlands at Mill Creek Preserve. They are also working on technical issues: Police, fire, and public safety. Next, the layout of the Plan will be discussed.

- b) **Weisel Preserve Survey**

The Preserve, currently consisting of several parcels, will be surveyed as one parcel. This data is for the Heritage Conservancy, who will be holding the easement on the parcel. Discussion of water treatment plant on open space; may be part of Castle Hill. Fred Gaines commented that BCWSA may have to expand the water treatment plant. Ruth Schemm will contact Terry Clemons concerning the future expansion to be an "exclusion area."

- c) **Pond to Wetland Conversion Update**

Bids have been received. Construction to begin soon.

- d) **Wednesdays in the Watershed**

Will be out again March 22 at Morning Walk trail.

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

To date, three lectures have been set up. April: Tim Hayes, Penn Futures; May: Jim Walter, Penn State Master Watershed Steward; June: Karen Ogden, Bucks County Conservation District. In addition, Chris Dooley for July to present on edible plants. There was discussion of bees being considered wildlife, and the use of "tiny forests."

- f) **April 1 Stream Health Project**

Second stream health event to be held. Penn State Extension people, Karen Ogden and Ernst Conservation will be involved in planting live stakes.

- g) **Day of Community Service**

May 20, rain date, May 21 at Lion's Pride Pavilion

- h) **Discussion of "Substantiality in Parks and Recreation"**

At our next meeting, we will discuss doing a report on our open space. Dan Merz discussed Park and Rec efforts to establish grasses and trees in parks. Possibility of grant funding was discussed. Also discussed having developers plant their "replacement trees" in designated parks. It was noted that Toll planted trees along the trail at Emerson Preserve. Possibility of connecting with them for discount on trees.

- i) **Discussion of Farm Easements and Other Easements**

Discussion of ways to contact homeowners who may want to protect their land with an easement. It was noted that there is a lot of money in farmland preservation right now.

**j) Property off Pickeretown Road**

A property owner off of Pickertown Road contacted the township concerning selling a part of their parcel to the township as open space. Pros and cons were discussed.

**k) Approval Of Minutest**

Approval of February 2023 minutes postponed until next meeting.

- **Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:06 pm.