

## East Vincent Township Open Space Committee (OSC) Meeting Notes

### Time:

December 12, 2023, 7 PM

### Location:

The Municipal Complex  
262 Ridge Road, Spring City PA 19475

### In Attendance:

Christine McNeil, Chairperson  
Nicole Keegan, Secretary  
Bill Fields, member  
Robert Zienkowski, Township manager

### Notes:

1. Call to order at 7 pm and pledge of allegiance
2. The Meeting Notes were reviewed from the previous Open Space Meeting. Nicole K. stated that there was an additional superfluous page accidentally left at the end of the meeting notes that should be removed. A revised Meeting Notes (without the additional page) had been emailed to Haley.  
A Motion was made to approve the Meeting Notes with the extra pages removed.  
Moved: Christine M.      Second: Bill Fields      Vote: Unanimous
3. Bob Z. gave a status update on East Vincent Township acquiring GIS environmental maps from Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC). Currently the Township has not heard back from CCPC. It was agreed that the Township and/or Nicole K. would follow up with the CCPC.  
*\*Post Meeting Note- Nicole K. heard from the CCPC that they did receive the map request letter from the Township and that they were in the process of scheduling working on the mapping request.*
4. Chritine M. presented a DRAFT East Vincent Township Land Conservation Priority Ranking for Natural Resources document. This document was based on ranking criteria discussed at the last Open Space Meeting. The Open Space Committee reviewed the document and had the following comments:
  - a. Item no. 4 SIZE OF PARCEL should be revised to:
    - 66 acres or more = 3
    - 36-65 acres = 2

- 6 - 35 acres = 1
  - 5 to 0 acres = 0
- b. Item no. 10 RECREATIONAL VALUE, should be revised to:
- Suitable for recreation = 3
  - Limited recreational value = 2
  - Not suitable 0
- c. Item no. 11 PUBLIC TRAILS /RECREATIONAL Pedestrian and Equestrian opportunities will be considered.
- Parcel has potential for public recreation or has existing public trails = 3
  - Parcel has potential for linking of existing public trails = 2
  - Parcel has potential for public trail easement/access = 1
  - Parcel does not have potential for public recreational or trail use = 0
- d. Item no. 14 WILDLIFE HABITAT PRESERVATION, should include quantitative information of existing habitat from *PA Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) plants or species identified Chester County Natural Areas Inventory*
- Parcel contains multiple species (mammals, birds, amphibians) habitat = 3
  - Parcel contains specific animal habitat = 2.
  - Parcel provides no animal habitat = 0
- e. Item no. 15 ZONING BUILD OUT IMPACT, should be revised to:
- Greater than 20 units = 3
  - 19 – 10 units = 2
  - Less than 5 units = 1

A motion was made to adopt the DRAFT East Vincent Township Land Conservation Priority Ranking for Natural Resources document scoring system was made with the above referenced changes.

Moved: Christine McNeil Second: Nicole Keegan Vote: Unanimous

5. At the next Open Space Committee meeting the agricultural land preservation criteria should be reviewed. Nicole K. will create a chart to compare the different Township's criteria.
6. Christine M. stated that the French and Pickering Conservation Trust is in the process of completing a new open space Inventory and opportunities map for FPCCT Service Areas A motion was made to invite the French and Pickering Creek trust to present their ne plan at an Open Space Meeting when the plan is completed.

Moved: Christine McNeil Second: Nicole Keegan Vote: Unanimous

7. A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:05 pm and then for the Open Space Committee to go to Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter.

Moved: Christine McNeil Second: Bill Fields Vote: Unanimous