

**Montgomery Township
Open Space Committee
Minutes of Meeting
September 11, 2012**

The monthly meeting of the Open Space Committee was brought to order by Chairman Roy Rodriguez was held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Open Space Committee in attendance included Roy Rodriguez, Jay Glickman and Laurence Poli. Matt Schelly, Montgomery County Planning Commission Staff Members, and Lawrence Gregan, Township Manager, were also present.

Call to Order: The Regular meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Jay Glickman, seconded by Laurence Poli, the minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting were approved.

Public Comment: None.

Opening Remarks:

Chairman Rodriguez commented on the upcoming reopening of the Limekiln Pike Bridge and the quality of the work going into restoring the historic look of the stone work on the bridge. He expressed continued interest in development of a community park on Sewer Authority property adjacent to the bridge with a foot/bike bridge over the creek. The park would be used for trailhead parking for the proposed powerline trail.

New Business:

- **Recreation/Community Center Project**

Larry Gregan updated the Committee on the Recreation/Community Center project proposed to be located the 12 Acre parcel at the corner of Stump Road and Horsham Road (formerly Montgomery Office Park). He explained the needs assessment and feasibility study process currently underway to solicit community input. Jay Glickman suggested that the consultants look at the Souderton Girls and Boys club which opened several years ago for some ideas on what to include in the facility.

Old Business:

- **DVRPC Regional Trails Program Phase 2 Planning Grant**

Larry Gregan reported that DVRPC has provided a proposed Grant Agreement for Township signature. After approval and signature by the Chairman, staff will move forward with obtaining proposals to conduct the study. He thanked Matt Shelly for his assistance in the grant process.

- **Open Space/Recreation Land Acquisition Update:**

Larry Gregan updated the Committee on the status of the Township's acquisition of the Zehr Tract. He noted the current legal and environmental issues affecting this acquisition.

- **Development of Friendship Park**

Larry Gregan reported that The Cutler Group provided three quotes to perform the Phase 1 Grading and Paving improvements on the Park. The Board of Supervisors agreed with the proposal submitted by Wolverine Constructors in the amount of \$546,463.82. Cutler has authorized Wolverine to proceed with the work and a License Agreement was prepared and executed to permit the work to proceed. Phase 1 is expected to be completed by the spring 2013.

- **Update on Cutler/Montgomery Walk Trail Installation**

Larry Gregan reported that the design work for the trail is complete and Cutler will need to send the plans to the Montgomery County Conservation District for an earth disturbance permit. Staff continues to follow up on this with Cutler.

Other Business: Roy Rodriguez asked Matt Shelly to provide a progress report on the Park and Recreation Plan Update.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Open Space Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.