

West Rockhill Township
Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2014

Call to Order:

The January 16 Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the West Rockhill Township municipal building.

Elected Officials:

Supervisors:

*Donald Duvall
*Jay Keyser
John Mann

Appointed Officials:

Committee members:

Elizabeth (Betsy) Branson
*Vera Cole
David Collingwood
Karina Rilling
Michael Schrameyer

Township Manager:

Greg Lippincott

*Absent

Visitors Registered:

None

Conservation Committee Activity:

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

Old Business:

1. Spring Newsletter- Vera Cole's article on the benefits of open space and their effect on West Rockhill's taxes was submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval. It was accepted with a minor revision.
2. Michael Schrameyer will update and submit the Conserved Property List for the Spring Newsletter.
3. Betsy Branson's information to the community on the scourge of the Emerald Ash Borer may also be included in the Newsletter if print space is available. Flyers with information on this pest are available at the Municipal building and from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS).

4. Refinancing of the open space bond should be completed soon. It will raise an additional \$1,000,000 for open space preservation.
5. The oversized open space sign designating the preserved Bates farm will be erected on the northbound lane of Route 309 when the weather is more favorable.
6. Michael will update the Database with the latest information. A list of existing open space signs will be included with their prices.

New Business:

1. Two articles- one outlining the loss of tax dollars connected to diminishing development in Lower Salford Township; the other on the now legal ability for townships to sell their parkland for development if state money was used to buy said parkland- were presented and briefly discussed.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting – Thursday March 20, at 7 PM.