

West Rockhill Township
Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2014

Call to Order:

The March 20th Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 January 16, 2014 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 discussed; the committee members all agreed that the Supervisors' edit was appropriate.

A future newsletter article could promote the benefits of preserving forests for bird life, animals, shade, environment, etc.

2. Michael Schrameyer will enter all current information in the database after David and Karina provide the missing and updated facts.

3. Refinancing of the open space bond was stopped momentarily by state regulations, which required budget information for 2013 as well as the submitted years. This was provided. The budgetary information was resubmitted and will be completed imminently. It will raise an additional \$1,000,000 for open space preservation.

4. 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. Greg and David will try to find an area where the sign is most visible to northbound traffic.

New Business:

1. Two articles- one stating the fact that Americans are losing interest in home ownership due to a number of factors including a decrease in home values, ease and availability of rental unit; economic downturn.

2. A letter from the Department of the Interior to accompany Don Raub's beautiful photograph of Thousand Acre Road's gamelands area was submitted to the management. The photograph is already on file at the municipal building.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting – Thursday May 21, at 7 PM.