

West Rockhill Township  
Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2018

**Call to Order:**

The January 18, Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the West Rockhill Township municipal building.

**Elected Officials:**

Supervisors:

Donald Duvall

**Appointed Officials:**

Committee members:

Elizabeth (Betsy) Branson  
Vera Cole  
David Collingwood (and Emma ‘Woof’)  
Karina Rilling  
Michael Schrameyer

**Township Manager:**

Greg Lippincott

**Visitors Registered:**

Pamela West  
Ben Botti

**Conservation Committee Activity:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of November 16, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

**Old Business:**

1. Data base- Michael has updated the database with the newly acquired Catch Basin property information. The missing addresses of the Roeder and M&M Quarry properties will be added.

2. Clarification was provided by Greg on what is needed for the generic letter. *Fee simple purchases are not guaranteed a protected status without a third party conservation group involved in their conservation. To ensure that today’s fee simple purchases are not offered for sale in the future, a third party should be attached to each such purchase (ex. Bucks County Conservancy, Natural Lands, Heritage Conservancy). The properties in question are: Shaffer, Roeder, Sailer, Hafler, Catch Basin, James Park. The Township will approach the conservation entity willing to monitor the easement. The money involved will be provided by Open Space funds.*

Vera will compose a generic document outlining the procedure to be followed to ensure a third party assignment in such purchases.

3. Spring Newsletter- the CC will write an article on the newly acquired Catch Basin property. Illustrative photographs will accompany the feature. The article is due on February 9.

**New Business:**

1. Open space signs- 2 new signs (one small and one large) will be ordered to mark the Catch Basin conserved acreage. The smaller sign will be erected at Forest and Catch Basin Roads; the larger on the edge of Route 309 South.

2. The Board of Supervisors has asked the CC to submit a bimonthly report on its activities. David Collingwood will contact the member designated to present the report (at February's BOS meeting, the January CC meeting information will be shared); members will be chosen on a rotating basis.

2. Two recent newspaper articles were presented and discussed. One dealt with Tinicum Township's covering all costs of a donated easement; the other featured the economic surge in Perkasio with multiple new businesses scheduled to open.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

**Next regularly scheduled meeting – Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM**