

West Rockhill Township  
Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2015

**Call to Order:**

The January 15 Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 7:05 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:**

John and Patrice Sweriduk

**Conservation Committee Activity:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the November 20, 2014 meeting were approved as amended.

**Old Business:**

1. Michael Schrameyer will update our database in March.

2. Open space signs:

One damaged Lichty open space will be replaced with one on hand in the Township building's storage area.

The Route 309 Bates property sign will be erected when the weather and conditions are favorable.

3. Vera's comprehensive and cohesive document outlining the Committee's suggestions and recommendations on the Shafer cabin were submitted to the Board of Supervisors. The Board decided on no action at present.

4. Betsy submitted a prototype of a letter to be sent to property owners after the Conservation Committee members have evaluated and recommended a direction for the Board of Supervisors. Committee members had a number of suggestions. She will edit her letter and then email it to all Committee members for any further edits.

5. Judy Decker informed our Committee that Ms. Noonan would not be meeting with us to discuss the Manderfield Preserve. Ms. Noonan has already met with the appropriate authorities.

6. Open Space funds- the Township's bond has been canceled. It has been replaced by a line of credit from Quakertown National Bank (QNB) for \$1,000,000 accessible at a set interest rate for one year. Our funds total about \$500,000 with the Derstine Fund adding \$25,000.

#### **New Business:**

1. Greg suggested another 'large' property owner informational meeting to present facts and benefits in conserving land. This would be similar to a meeting we had about 10 years ago, which included a guest speaker, invitations, and refreshments.

We decided to review all properties on our priority areas list so we can restart the process of obtaining easements in the hope of completing proposed trails and greenways.

2. The Spring Newsletter article and information is due on February 18. David will contact Vera to write a friendly article encouraging landowners to think about conservation. Also the conserved property list will be upgraded and submitted.

3. Karina will explore logo possibilities for the Conservation Committee.

#### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

**Next regularly scheduled meeting – Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 PM.**