

West Rockhill Township  
Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2015

**Call to Order:**

The March 19, Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 January 15, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

**Old Business:**

1. Michael Schrameyer will update our database as necessary.
2. Open space signs:

The damaged Lichty open space sign is now replaced with the one which had been in storage. The damaged sign is now being repaired by Horizon Signs.

The Route 309 Bates property sign site was marked in the fall (by David and Greg) and will be erected when weather conditions are favorable.

3. After reviewing Vera's comprehensive and cohesive document with 3 proposals regarding the Shafer cabin:

(A) the BOS is taking no action without first obtaining an estimate on repair work from a reliable contractor. *David will contact his contractor; Greg will contact a respected township resident that does carpentry.*

(B) the BOS does not want to sell or auction the cabin.

(C) the BOS would consider renting it to a non- profit entity after the repair work is completed.

4. Betsy presented a revised 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 suggested changes. Betsy will resubmit to the CC.

5. Karina presented a previously used Conservation Committee logo for review and discussion. She will contact a graphic designer to create 3 markups and give a cost estimate to design a new logo.

6. The Weber family asked for their property to be included in the Agricultural Security area. They are the new owners of the William Barndt farm on Cathill Road. Upon researching the property, Greg found that it already was part of WRT's Agricultural Security Area. No action needed to be taken.

#### **New Business:**

1. David asked for volunteers from the Conservation Committee to work with Jim Miller of Park & Rec to explore a direction for the James farm 'Barn'. Ex. is there interest in preserving it? What are the costs? How could it be used? Karina volunteered to work with Park & Rec and the Historical Society on this issue.

2. David presented a sketch of a proposed subdivision on Barndt Road. The CC had no input since it did not concern conservation issues at this time.

3. Four articles were presented for a brief discussion:

A. a farm of 23 acres was preserved in Bedminster Township

B. to enable farmers to survive, some are turning to artisanal cheese making (including a farm in Perkasio)

C. soil is being brought to the Moore property from a Clump Road excavation site to build up the playing fields

D. playgrounds are changing with new designs and materials (this article Greg will give to Park & Rec)

#### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

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