

West Rockhill Township  
Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2015

**Call to Order:**

The September 17 Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM 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  
\*\* Briefly present

**Visitors Registered:**

None

**Conservation Committee Activity:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the July 16, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

**Old Business:**

1. Open space signs- one sign remains and is stored in the basement of the Township building. The Lichty property presently has no signs (both were damaged beyond repair; one by a car, the other cause unknown). David will talk to Mark Lichty about reinstalling just one sign, the location to be determined.  
New signs will be ordered as necessary.
2. Database Updates – Michael Schrameyer will be contacted to send the Database to all Conservation Committee members and Greg, the Township manager. David and Karina will make necessary entries where data is missing or needs to be updated.

3. Property Evaluation Notification Letter - Betsy Branson's revised version of the letter was approved by all members.

4. Conservation Committee Logo - Karina presented 4 versions of the CC logo. Vera, David, Betsy and Karina were in agreement as to which version should now be finished in color. Our graphic designer, Nancy Schnabel, will be contacted to complete the job.

Upon completion, the logo will be emailed to the CC members for any further adjustments.

6. Two conserved properties with possible zoning and conservation easement infractions were discussed.

Stoneback/Underkoffler- after receiving an anonymous letter of complaint, Greg ascertained that a structure had been built on the barn that may infringe on the conservation district.

Also, increased activity of people and vehicles entering the property has been observed. Ongoing commercial activities in the RA district are against zoning regulations.

Sopel agricultural easement- a trailer has been placed on the conserved property without the proper permits from either the County or Township.

**New Business:**

1. A newspaper article was presented featuring Bucks County's acquisition of two more farms totaling 15,060 acres of preserved farmland to date.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:38 PM.

**Next regularly scheduled meeting – Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM**