

Schuylkill Township Open Space Commission

January 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS: Claudia Kiernan, Tim McAvoy, Joe Greco, Kathi Lex, Matt Kline, Paul Peterson

ATTENDANCE: Tim McAvoy, Claudia Kiernan, Matt Kline, Paul Peterson

Board of Supervisors in attendance: Bob Cooney, Martha Majewski

Also in attendance: Jack Stefferud, Natural Lands

CALL TO ORDER: 6:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:45 – 7:03; 7:25 – 7:40

PUBLIC MEETING: 7:03 – 7:25

CALL TO ORDER: Tim McAvoy, Chairman of the Open Space Commission, called the Public Session of the Open Space Commission meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He noted there was a quorum present.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion to approve November's minutes passed unanimously. The Commission did not meet in December, 2024.

PROPERTY OUTREACH: We discussed the present status of potential properties to be preserved. We discussed conducting outreach regarding additional properties.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul Peterson noted we are not in receipt of the most current financials and, therefore, Paul does not have a new report. We can expect an updated for the February meeting. The Open Space Commission's present budget could potentially be more limited considering recent transactions. Discussion was held regarding options for handling multiple preservation transactions in the same calendar year should such an opportunity arise.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: An appraisal is being conducted on Parcel "R" and discussions continue regarding preservation of Parcel "Q." Township Board of Supervisors has requested input on priority parcels and the Board has asked that members of the Commission review their individual lists with the purpose of providing specific recommendations. The recommendations are to include detailed parcel information.

Discussion was held regarding relevant dates for grant application filings. Further discussion was held regarding additional grant sources applicable to potential preservation transactions in the Township. The discussion continued and noted that announcements for successful applications are expected vis-à-vis county and state applications in different months; county announcements are in June and state announcements are in November (or later).

PUBLIC COMMENT: None. No members of the public attended.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Matt Kline and seconded by Claudia Kiernan at 7:40 p.m.

Signed by: ***Matthew Kline***

