

Schuylkill Township Open Space Commission

February 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

ATTENDANCE: Claudia Kiernan, Kathi Lex, Matt Kline, Paul Peterson

Board of Supervisors in attendance: Bob Cooney, Martha Majewski

Also in attendance: Laurie Getz, Township Manager

CALL TO ORDER: 6:48 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 6:48 – 7:03

PUBLIC MEETING: 7:03 – 7:36

CALL TO ORDER: Claudia Kiernan, acting the in the stead of 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. Claudia noted there was a quorum present.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion to approve January's minutes passed unanimously.

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 provided an update of the current financials. Paul noted that the present OSC account balance is approximately \$6.6MM. Discussion was held regarding options for handling multiple preservation transactions, in consideration of the present balance, in the same calendar year should such an opportunity arise.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Further discussion was held regarding Parcel "R" and discussions continue regarding preservation of Parcel "Q." The OSC recommended to the Board of Supervisors that Parcel "R" be purchased in fee simple. The OSC further recommended to the Board of Supervisors that building density ranges be determined on Parcels "Q", "A", "S", and "F" and that Paul Boettinger be engaged for this purpose. The OSC also moved to Ratify Approval of Open Space Commission Letter of Support for Chester County Municipal Grant Application for Acquisition of Sedgley Farm.

An email will be sent by Matt Kline to the Township at some point following the meeting for the purpose of memorializing the recommendations and motions of the OSC.

Discussion from January continued regarding priority parcels and maintaining a list of said parcels loosely ranked with considerations given to attainability, affordability, timing, etc. Any list is intended to be a working document subject to changes in the various factors considered in ranking each parcel.

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

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Claudia Kiernan and seconded by Matt Kline at 7:36 p.m.

Signed by: ***Matthew Kline***