

**WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Willistown Township Administration Offices, 688 Sugartown Rd, Malvern PA**

**June 17, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Willistown Township Open Space Review Board came to order at 5:35 PM. The following members were present: Ted Leisenring; Brook Gardner; Jeannette Lindvig; Bob Kacergis, and Nancy Moyer. Also present were 2 guest observers/public commenters: Michelle Legnini and Denise VanValkenburgh.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the March 25, 2019 meeting were reviewed with discussion and approved unanimously with additions to the minutes as noted: "Brook Gardner's comments during the project discussion highlighted Pro's (protects headwater of Crum Creek and the existing garage could be used for storage) and Con's ( site not adjacent to other resources, home demolition requirements, sloped site not suitable for recreation, high cost of adapting the historic structure, site is on a moderately busy road, and project is not a good value for Open Space Funds since it is priced for residential development)."

**Treasurer's Report**

Bob Kacergis requested that the Open Space financial report regularly highlight the remaining balance and maturity date of the bonds for Okehocking? There was also a question about where the Open Space funds are being maintained and the interest rate being paid on the fund. Ted Leisenring noted that the fund is at Santander Bank. Interest on the fund has trended higher each year since 2015, as noted in the "Financial Projections." The current available balance for the Open Space fund is noted: \$4,102,377.04.

**New Business**

None noted.

**Old Business**

Board members questioned whether there has been any follow-up on the Devon Rd properties. The Board requested that Sally Slook, the new Township Manager, follow up with the landowner to inform her of the Township's decision, once the Township Manager has been briefed on the project's status. Jeannette Lindvig and Bob Kacergis agreed to meet with the Township Manager to provide a briefing both on the project and as well the OSRB's role.

Board members discussed whether there should be a more active role in identifying potential Open Space projects with the help of real estate brokers. Jeannette Lindvig will reach out to a realtor who serves on the Historic Commission to solicit input on how to inform brokers about the OSRB mission and funding. It was noted that the Township's Comprehensive Plan is being updated this year. Bob Kacergis offered to provide a video of a pocket park in Haverford Township for consideration by the OSRB.

Board members discussed the criteria to evaluate real estate opportunities as described in detail on our "Willistown Township Open Space Rating Report". These rating criteria are in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan. "Preventing development" is not a stated goal for OSRB.

**Public Discussion**

Ted Leisenring welcomed comments and questions from members of the public in attendance. OSRB members introduced themselves, as did the two meeting observers/attendees. Discussion ensued about the history of the OSRB and public funding for Open Space in Willistown Township, how properties are identified for potential acquisition, expenditure for active/passive recreation, and how to engage the public in the OSRB's activities.

**Adjournment**

Jeannette Lindvig motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for September 23.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Moyer, OSRB Secretary