London Grove Township Open Space Committee Meeting Notes: May 11, 2017

Attending: Members – Anne Hannum, Jock Hannum, Paddy Neilson, Tina Skinner, Lew

Wilkinson

Guest – Dominique Boddorff

Staff – David Sweet

1. The Committee welcomed new member Tina Skinner.

2. Misc. old/new business

- a. <u>Status of Open Space Fund</u>. The balance in the Open Space Fund as of May 10 was \$2,000,399. The current balance reflects payment to the Brandywine Conservancy of a portion of the transaction costs for the Brosius easement.
- b. Paddy reported Elin Green's resignation from the Committee; the members expressed appreciation for her six years of service. The Committee voted to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Dominique Boddorff be appointed to fill this vacancy
- **Riparian buffer protection and enhancement.** The Committee discussed preparations for the meeting of riparian landowners to be held June 8. Anne worked with Dawn at the Township to create, produce, and mail an invitation to approx. 20 landowners. The members identified several more owners of uneased land to be invited, and follow-up phone calls were assigned for each invitee. Principal speakers at the meeting will be Matt Ehrhart of Stroud Water Research, Ann Hutchinson of Natural Lands Trust, and David Shields of the Brandywine Conservancy.

4. <u>Updates on landowner contacts/easements in progress</u>

- a. <u>Brosius</u>. The application for a federal/state permit for a stream crossing remains under review; it is a prerequisite to completing the easement.
- b. Sheppard. A second appraisal is being considered.

Next meeting. Thurs., June 8, 5:30 p.m. at Anne and Jock's