**London Grove Township Open Space Committee**

**Meeting Notes: Jan. 9, 2020**

Attending: *Members* – Seth Bradford, Eric Brown, Erin Klotzbach, Brian Lee, Larry Spencer, Lew Wilkinson

*Unofficial alternate –* Stephen Rifici

*Staff* – David Sweet

1. **Misc. old/new business.**
   1. Open Space Fund. Balance as of Jan. 6 was $2,811,043. On Nov. 14, the balance was $2,771,382. There was discussion about the interest earned on this fund balance, whether it is retained within the Fund, and why the monthly balance sheet no longer includes a line item for interest as part of revenue. These matters will be explored.
   2. Committee membership. Larry Spencer was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to complete Paddy Neilson’s unexpired term. Lew Wilkinson and Tina Skinner were reappointed to new 3-year terms.
   3. Township tour. The Committee identified Sat., March 7 as the preferred date for the previously postponed tour of protected and unprotected open space properties.
   4. Sample brochures on landowner options. Two information pieces prepared by Natural Lands were reviewed as possible resources for the landowner contact process. Availability of multiple copies, and any updated versions, will be explored with Natural Lands. The Committee remains interested in producing London Grove-specific information material.
   5. PALTA conference. The Pa. Land Trust Association’s Land Conservation Conference will be held April 1-3 in Gettysburg. Financial support from the Township will be explored and members’ interest in the various seminars and workshops will be solicited.
2. **Sheppard property**. Geoff Shellington is working with the Brandywine Conservancy and Cheshire Hunt to secure supplemental funding in line with the Sheppard family’s desired amount. The Chester County Challenge Grant program funding offer, which includes 50% funding from the Township, remains in place.
3. **List of priority open space parcels**. A 12/8/19 version of the list was distributed.
4. **Status of landowner contacts**.
   1. No further contact to report at this point with those attending the Nov. 7 dinner meeting: Crockett (Eric), D. Regester (Lew), Alfieri (Brian, Stephen). Lew will defer further contact with Hoilman for a while.
   2. Crowley. Eric will make this contact.
   3. The idea of creating a mechanism to track member contacts with landowners is of interest and is being pursued.

Next meeting: Thurs., Feb. 13, 7 p.m.