

*West Brandywine Township  
Open Space Review Board  
Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2008*

7:04 PM John Cassels called the meeting to order.

In attendance:

Anita Ferenz	Bob Schini
John Cassels	Steve Jakatt
Kim Hoopes	Ron Rambo, Twp Manager

**Public Present:** Mr. Jack Stelfrude, N.L.T., Chester Co.

**Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):**

No minutes to approve. Secretary had not prepared the minutes.

**Correspondence & Communication:**

No correspondence or communication was submitted.

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Stelfrude presented the Mae Marie possible Conservation Easement scenario.

**Old Business:**

John Cassels presented a summation of Open Space events & topics.

- 1) Henderson Tract: Complete. Agreed to remove from minutes.
- 2) Siouasca: Ron Rambo has applied for State money. Still "alive"
- 3) Icedale: John, Ron Rambo and Steve Jakatt met with Mr. Bernie Kiesnoski of the PA Fish Commission on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm. Mr. Kiesnoski described th 50+/- acre tract, stated the State would be willing to lease the property to WBT for \$0 (zero) dollars per year for 25 (twenty-five) years if the Township picks-up the maintenance. Maintenance currently is some mowing, maybe 2X per year. Mr. Kiesnoski stated an approval must be made by the Fish Commission Board, which meets 4X per year, next meeting in October. He has already placed Icedale on their agenda. Ron Rambo asked about selling the property to the Twp. for \$1. Mr. Kiesnoski stated the quickest path was to first lease the property then move to purchase. As the property was acquired with some Federal dollars, a full appraisal and long process would be involved.
- 4) Thornbury Tract: Minor edits from John Good, Esq. Very close to completion..
- 5) Castaldi: No discussion.
- 6) Baldwin: Within 2 weeks for appraisal
- 7) Chase Tract: Appraisal expected within 2 weeks.

**New Business:**

1. Marie Property: Owner, Mae Marie wants to transfer approximately 15.5 acres to conservation easement. Transfer costs estimated at \$25K to \$30K through N.L.T. Jack Stefrude provided details. Ms. Marie wants to leverage buy-out over some amount of years.
2. Trail Map: John and Steve had overlain the Township Trails Map over the Open Space acquired lands and found little to match, but a start, especially around Icedale.

3. PECO Links: Ron had acquired a PECO submission form. All suggested we try for as much as possible on the first try to compensate for the \$500 submission. fee.

Next Meeting, October 23rd, 2008

AF motioned to adjourn, SJ seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM