

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2015**

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent
Mrs. Allen	x	
Mr. Becker	x	
Mr. Heller	x	
Mr. Huelsebusch	x	
Dr. Hendrickson		x
Dr. Kelly	x	
Mrs. Madon	x	
Mrs. Sabin		x
Mr. John		x
Mr. Klotz	x	
Mrs. Duffy		x

Members of the Public: Bob Fasinski, Brian Lenskold

1. Mr. Huelsebusch called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes of February 4, 2015 were approved.
3. Correspondence/Other information: None
4. Regular Reports:
 - a. Preservation and Green Acres activities:
 - i. Mrs. Allen summarized the expected cost share monies expected on recent purchases.
 - b. County Open Space: No report.
5. An updated Open Space and Preserved Farmland map from Clark Caton Hintz was presented. It was suggested that that “green” areas have more contrast.
6. Mr. Klotz announced the next Open Space hike will be March 15 on the Lachenmayer Trail.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Current Projects:
 - i. Dr. Kelly has scheduled a presentation to Three Bridges School to observe maple sap processing on Friday, March 6 at 3:00 PM.
 - ii. Mrs. Madon requested ideas and materials for the Open Space Memorial Day Table.
 - iii. Mr. Huelsebusch reviewed the request to the Township for fencing on Cole Road and Pleasant Run.
 - iv. Mr. Becker reviewed the activity using OneNote for document sharing. Members were asked to continue to review.

b. Mr. Huelsebusch affirmed that the RVCC study results on forest health would be presented at the April meeting. The report will be held in the courtroom with an invitation to other interested parties.

8. New Business:

a. An offer from the State Forestry Department for free trees was reviewed. Mr. Heller will submit the application and propose a plan and schedule. Effort will be directed to replenish the nursery and provide trees to the public.

b. Dr. Kelly provided an overview of a planned deer count project by the Environmental Studies Group and RVCC. The Board voted to support the project. Dr. Kelly will prepare a plan indicating the location and schedule of the counts to provide to local officials.

c. The Board supported participation in the coming round of trail grants. Mr. Becker agreed to review the previous grant for the Lazy Brook Greenway and modify and submit to the Board for comments.

9. Comments from the Public: Mr. Lenskold representing a property owner of 29 acres on Railroad Ave wanted to see what the status of any interest by the Township to acquire the property. The Board requested more information on suggested asking price of the parcel.

10. Comments from the Board: None

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.