

BARRETT TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes May 13th, 2010

Present: Patti O'Keefe, Sally Duffy, Dale Price, Patrick Dougherty, Paul Stotsenburg and Judy Stillinger.

Absent: Frank May

Judy briefed the committee on the status of several initiatives.

Gravel Pond. Judy has had further conversations with Doris Botshon. They are on hold for a moment but would like to sell their property as soon as possible. We had previously discussed the options with them. Their preference would be to find a conservation buyer. They have reservations about encumbering any part of the property with a conservation easement. We have suggested that they confer with an appraiser and a tax attorney. They will keep us advised.

Laurel Grove Golf Course Our offer to the Bank at the appraised value of \$114,500 was rejected. Frank May had approached the Supervisors about using the Bank's appraisal to "leverage-up" an offering price. Frank discussed the matter with Todd Weitzman, Township Solicitor, who said he would review the Bank's appraisal. We have since learned that there is a contract out with a potential buyer for somewhere near the asking price. We have requested the Bank to "keep us in the loop" in the event the sale falls through.

Chaykosky Property This is the parcel that overlooks the Gravel Family Preserve. Frank May has been in contact with the agent who informed him that the 91-acre property is on the market for \$424,900 or \$4,670 an acre. Frank asked the agent to inform the owner of our interest but does not know if this actually happened. In the meanwhile Pat Dougherty has received a letter directly from the owner. Frank May will follow-up.

Apparently there was some discussion at the last Supervisors public meeting concerning the Township spending money for open space when there is a budget shortfall in other areas. These individuals who raised the issue should be informed that the open space monies are reserved for property acquisitions and may not be used for general funding.