

REMINGTON, VERNICK & BEACH ENGINEERS

FIRST STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES

Client: East Norriton and West Norriton Twps.

Date: 02/08/17

Stakeholder Meeting Caucus Committee

MINUTES:

Christopher Fazio, P.E., and Karen Twisler, R.L.A., C.P.R.P., of Remington, Vernick and Beach held the first of two informal “open house” stakeholder meetings in the West Norriton municipal building to gain feedback from nearby residents and other stakeholders. Eight (8) people came to the February 8th stakeholder meeting. Six were from East Norriton and two were from West Norriton.

Jim Watters, representing the Stony Creek Anglers group, recommended that we improve habitat, reduce erosion, treat invasive species, protect the trout stream, reduce stormwater impacts and remove trash. Jim noted that there was a wet area on the parcel near Eagle Drive and recommended planting milkweed for butterflies and work with the high school to have environmental classes with the students. He also recommended a plaque be provided for the donor of the property.

Diana Cassel, Ph.D., Secretary of the Farm Park Preservation Association, recommended paved and unpaved trails, passive recreation and tying into the County trail and the Farm Park.

Anne of East Norriton recommends no action and feels we have too many parks. “If you must do something, a meadow in the farmed area would be nice.” She also recommends no entrance to Stony Bridge.

Larry Brown, East Norriton Twp. Asst. Township Manager, told us about the four (4) tree stands and a camera that the Township recently removed and confirmed that there had been bow-hunting by Burnside Avenue.

Ray of East Norriton said that he pays landscapers to take care of the basin on his property and wants no improvements to the parcel.

Everyone that expressed interest in a trail was OK with a wood chip trail. The dead trees could be removed and chipped onsite at low cost.

Ray and Diana both agreed that “stay on the path” signage would be appropriate.

A comment was made that Sandra Lane has an existing trail to a small park on Germantown Pike and recommends no trails. She stated that the Farm Park “has everything” including a 4.5-mile figure 8 trail. There is an existing walking trail off Burnside.

There were concerns with “riff-raff” from the high school associated with trash and under-age drinking. Kids were observed at night with flashlights.

A recommendation was made that the aerial image should show a larger area including the townhouses and the Farm Park.

A comment was made that the soils on the parcel are very rocky.