

**JOINT MEETING BETWEEN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP AND
PLANNING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 31, 2005**

Chairperson MaryAnna Ralph called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present: MaryAnna Ralph, George Asimos Jr, Karen Wood, John Spangler, Scotty Scottoline, Michael Lane and Kathy Howley.

Use of Open Space Money – Mrs. Ralph stated that the township has been approached by the Pennsbury land Trust to contribute to the purchase of development rights on the Mendenhall Farm located on Hillendale and Hickory Hill Roads. Alma Forsyth from the Land Trust gave background on the Land Trust proposal and how much money the County and Land Trust were also contributing. The Trust is still waiting to hear from the State for a grant. This may not happen until next year in which case if the money was awarded, the Trust may be able to use it for another property on the list. It also appears that the state money may place too many restrictions on the property. The Mendenhall family would like to go to settlement by the end of the year.

Paul Haldeman from the Open Space Committee confirmed that this property is on the list of properties the township identified for preservation. Frank Mendenhall was present and commented that a 2 acre parcel at the corner of Hillendale and Hickory Hill would be gifted to the township. Paul also mentioned that this property was part of the underground railroad. George Asimos stated that the family is very generous and we all owe them gratitude for their desire to preserve this very important parcel of land. Public access would be by way of the 2 acre park and a walking trail along Hillendale Road.

A motion was made and passed that the public hearing be advertised for December 5th at 7 p.m. to approved use of township open space funds for this project.

George Asimos suggested that because of Bill Reynold's involvement in the purchase of the park land, the park be named after him or a plaque be placed in the park acknowledging his contributions. Mr. Asimos will draft this resolution to be considered at the November 7th supervisor's meeting.

Michael Lane reported on the Parker Preserve development which will contain a 44 acre preserve dedicated to the township. Mr. Dambro, developer, will also provide the township with a caretaker home. The homeowner's association will also have open space which will buffer the preserve. The preserve will have walking trails. MaryAnna Ralph asked Mr. Fenton if he could find out why the land owned by the Conservancy in the township is not eased.

John Spangler will advertise the TND amendment for the November 21st meeting at 7 p.m. in the township building. If there are any changes made as a result of this meeting, then the ordinance must be advertised again and comments received within 30 days. The Board agreed if anyone wants a copy of this ordinance they may come into the township building or ask for a copy to be emailed to them.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager