

FRIENDS OF WORCESTER
APRIL 9, 2002 - MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Kim David, Charley Muir, Michael Simeone, George Stauffer, Hansell Stedman, Wini & Rob Hayes, Patty Loughridge, Jeannie Steigerwalt, Marie Amato, George Rogers & Barbara McMonagle

Location: Home of Charley Muir, 1901 Whitehall Road, Norristown, PA

Agenda Preview

FOW Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 3/31/02 \$3518.00

President's Report: In 1973 Act 148 gave municipalities the authority to establish environmental advisory councils (EAC). The EAC would be an additional advisor to the supervisors about issues concerning the protection, conservation, management and use of a township's natural resources in addition to the zoning board and planning commission. The EAC could also advise the supervisors on the use of open land areas including acquisition of these areas.

Membership Report: We have had many new and renewing members. We need volunteers to help with the telephone chain. If interested, please contact Barb McMonagle 215-699-8225.

Fundraising Report: We need raffle items for the Farmers Union Horse Show on June 1, 2002. In addition to the Horse Show, FOW will be having a Flea Market – space is available. We are also looking for newsletter sponsors.

Worcester Township Meeting Reports:

Board of Supervisors: Approved Cedar Hill LP on Skippack Pike. The conditional use application by Pat Sparango for development of the Thompson/Scott properties was postponed while the plans are being revised. They also passed preliminary approval for the creation of an impact advisory committee.

Zoning Board: No Report

Planning Commission: No Meeting

Joint Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors: No Meeting

Open Space: No new news. John Harris is still talking to landowners.

Current Issues

Turnpike Slip Ramp - The PA Turnpike Commission recently held a private meeting regarding the slip ramp proposal at Schultz and Morris Road and also widening the northeast extension. They will be holding 2 public meetings: 1) May16 at North Penn High School and

2) May 23 at Norristown High School. Come out and be heard. FOW will also have a petition against the slip ramp at the election on May 21st

Scott/Thompson Subdivision – Pat Sparango is applying for a conditional use to permit cluster housing at Berks Road & Skippack Pike. An easement to redirect sewage from one property to the other has been obtained. Three sewage options are proposed: 1) Tie into the existing sewer adjacent to the Scott Property on Highview Drive. (This is beyond the end of the existing sewer area) 2) Construct a small sewage plant and drain into a tributary of the Zacharius Creek and 3) Build a spray sewage system.

State Representative Kate Harper has proposed an additional \$5/ton trash fee to be used towards the Growing Greener Program. GREAT IDEA!

Election May 21, 2002 - PLEASE COME OUT AND VOTE. SUPPORT JOHN HARRIS, ROB HAYES & WINI HAYES ON MAY 21st!!!

Community Education

Heebner Path Project: The Boy Scouts are interested in working with FOW on a trail in Heebner Park. Grant money may be available for the trail.

Rob Hayes will present 5 trees to the Environmental Club at Methacton High School from Friends of Worcester for Arbor Day.

Newsletter - Assignments for our next newsletter were discussed. New additions include Slip Ramp Update, Sewers in Fairview Village, FOW Flea Market at the Farmer's Union Horse Show June 1, 2002.

Website – Visit our website: <http://www.friendsofworcester.org>.
Suggestions were made to improve our website. Add additional links and add to Search Engine.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*Please Join Us By Attending Our Monthly Meetings or Events!
Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30P.M.*

May 14, 2002 - Tuesday 7:30 P.M. Home of Wini & Rob Hayes, 3033 Fisher Road, 610-584-0371

June 1, 2002 - Saturday. Farmer's Union Horse Show & Friends of Worcester Flea Market, Heyser Field (Behind Fairview Village Community Hall, Fairview Village), For information contact Jeannie Steigerwalt
610-489-7904

September 7, 2002 – Saturday, FOW Picnic 3 P.M. Home of Wini & Rob Hayes, 3033 Fisher Road 610-584-0371 RAINDATE: September 8, 2002