

**Friends of Worcester
Minutes
October 26, 2002**

Attending: Kim David, Marie Amoto, Wini Hayes, Chris David, Susan Caughlin, Rob Hayes, Dave Cardy

Minutes from September 24, 2002 approved

I. Committee Reports

A. Treasurer Report - \$927.00; we need \$1200 to put out next newsletter

Wini will look into lower printing costs

B. President's report

- Report on Smart growth conference 2002 held at Westover County Club 10/5/02. Many good speakers
- Kim will talk to representative of 10,000 friends of PA to see if they would speak at an FOW meeting
- Several speakers noted that if townships improved zoning codes and developers would work within code and provide more sensible development.

II. Township Reports

A. Supervisors meeting October 16, 2002

- Water not good in Fairview Village
- Water Company will put in water lines at no charge
- Residents would have to tie in at a fee
- Sewer program on hold - state and DEP want to review complaints of Fairview Village Residents
- Steinberg property development - drilling 10 to 12 wells, local residents concerned it will impact their existing wells

B. Planning commission

- Huginair 18 lots subdivision reviewed
- Comprehensive plan review to begin soon
- Representative from Montgomery county Planning Commission (hired by Worcester Township) will attend next Planning Commission meeting to begin shortly
- As result of discussion FOW felt we should suggest to supervisors: Moratorium on building until comp. Plan is reviewed
- Look specifically at water and sewer relationships
- Susan will attend planning Commission meeting and suggest moratorium to planning and to Montgomery County Planning Representative
- Kane subdivision - 13 lots Fairview Village area, FOW concerned how this relates to current water and sewer problems in Fairview Village

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C. Supervisors/Planning

- No joint meeting

D. Zoning

- Hearing board - no immediate concerns

III. Current Issues

1. Worcester township open space program

- Kim and Barb will discuss what is happening at interview with Frank Daveys
- Kim will call John Harris to find out what he is pursuing at this time

2. Thompson /Scott

- RPD plan approved
- No new information on progress

3. Turnpike slip ram

- Turnpike widening taking place
- Slip Ramps not to be built
- We will thank John Fichter for his support via newsletter article

4. CVS

- CVS submitted plan for site at Germantown Pike and Trooper Road
- FOW Maria Amoto and Barb McMonagle will visit establishments on adjacent corner to see if they will support opposition.
- Wini will draft letter to supervisors regarding this issue; cc to planning commission and zoning board and CVS

IV. Community education

A. Newsletter

All articles should be sent to Barb by Saturday November 2nd

Articles as follows:

Newsletter - submit drafts of newsletter articles

- Website: visit etc. Dave Cardy & Committee
- Interview with Frank Davies - Kim and Barb
- Slip ram update - Wini
- Fairview Village Sewer problems - Marie & George
- Builders position on open space - Charlie Muir
- Farmers union horseshow - Jeanne
- New developments in Worcester - Barb
- CVS - Wini
- Importance of zoning ordinances - Kim

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B. Web Site

- Dave has given it a new look
- Everyone should check it out
- More links
- Web site committee: Dave Cardy, Wini Hayes and Susan Caughlin will convene to continue development; additional digital photos set up information on CVS concerns

C. Outreach

- Tabled to next meeting

Conclusion 10:45 a.m.

Special note: Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy is presenting at Fairview Village Assembly Hall on Monday November 18 at 7:00 p.m. on the Lower Perkiomen Conservation River Study of Skippack Creek.