

**FRIENDS OF WORCESTER**  
**NOVEMBER 19, 2002 - MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Kim David, Wini & Rob Hayes, Dave Cardy, Anthony & Laura Nero, Susan Coughlan & Barbara McMonagle

**Location:** Home of Michael & Barbara McMonagle, 2242 Berks Road, Lansdale, PA

**Agenda Preview**

**FOW Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance as of 10/31/02 \$947.00

**President's Report:** The Lower Perkiomen Rivers Conservation Study is a joint venture between the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy and Natural Lands Trust. A public meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002 was held at the Worcester Township Community Hall to educate as well as receive input the need to monitor our resources and implement plans to protect them from present and future growth. Several areas of interest included Act 167 – Stormwater Management Act which says each township must monitor each stream: runoff, biological and chemical pollution and metals. There are water related ordinances in the PA Municipal Code allowing zoning codes to enforce water setbacks, impervious surface and more. How is our township planning to implement Act 167.

Several years ago recommendations were made to the Supervisors by the Montgomery County Lands Trust. We will encourage our Supervisors to grasp these methods of protecting the water and natural resources in our area by implementing whatever measures are available.

**Membership Report:** We welcome Anthony and Laura Nero who first corresponded to us through our website <http://www.friendsofworcester.org>.

**Fundraising Report:** Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor for our Newsletter please contact Barb McMonagle 215-699-8225. There is still time for your ad before the next newsletter.

**Worcester Township Meeting Reports:**

**Board of Supervisors:** No Report

**Zoning Board:** No Report

**Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission is a 5 member advisory board appointed by the Supervisors. Plans of proposed developments are given to the Planning Commission for review. The township engineer makes sure the plans are up to date with township codes and makes a report to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission then makes recommendations to the Supervisors. The Planning Commission also writes ordinances and is currently working with Montgomery County to review the Township Comprehensive Plan.

CVS is revising their plans for development at Germantown Pike & Trooper Roads.

**Joint Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors:** No Meeting, Next Quarterly Meeting to be held December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

### **Current Issues**

**Open Space:** Rich Scarlett's horse farm on Shearer Road consisting of 59 acres has been preserved in a joint venture between the state, county and township. **Open Space Plan still on hold.** The township wants to streamline the process of open space acquisitions to save costs.

**CVS -** In October, the Montgomery County Planning Commission wrote a letter to the township that CVS DOES NOT CONFORM TO THE SITE and are against the plans. FOW also wrote a letter to the Supervisors in opposition to CVS at Germantown Pike and Trooper Road.

**Thompson/Scott** – No new information.

### **Community Education**

**Newsletter** - Articles have been forwarded to Michael S. Will have draft at next meeting.

Supervisors – Open Space on Hold – Barb & Kim

Slip Ramp Update – Wini

Sewer Problems in Fairview Village, Act 537, Grants – Marie & George

Reexamine what's happening in Harrisburg – Builders position on Open Space – Kim & Charley

Worcester Comprehensive Plan Revisions - Rob

Farmers Union Horse Show – What we did and Thank you's – Jeannie

What's Happening – New Developments – Barb

CVS – The Importance of Enforcing our Zoning Ordinances

Expand our efforts to show residents that Open Space Preservation = Lower Taxes

Website – Visit our website: <http://www.friendsofworcester.org>. Please come visit and leave your email address so we can email you the minutes. Also, please make suggestions and comments.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

*Please Join Us By Attending Our Monthly Meetings.*

January 21, 2002 – Tuesday 7:30 P.M. Home of Charley Muir, 1901 Whitehall Road, (610)584-8472

February 18, 2003 – Tuesday 7:30 P.M. Home of Kim & Chris David, 1704 Berks Road, (610)584-1805

March 18, 2002 – Tuesday 7:30 P.M. Guest Speaker - Location to be announced.

If you need more information or directions please contact Barb McMonagle 215-699-8225.