

**FRIENDS OF WORCESTER  
MAY 19, 2003 - MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Kim David, John Harris, Wini & Rob Hayes, Mike & Mary Lou Crush, Susan Caughlan, Jenna & Steve Alpher, Jeannie Steigerwalt, Marie Amato, Arlene Vattimo, George Yerger, George Rogers & Barbara McMonagle

**Location:** Home of Steve & Jenna Alpher, 3026 Stump Hall Road, Colledgeville, PA

**Agenda Preview**

**FWO COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President's Report:** No Report

**Treasurer's Report:** Approximately \$600.00.

**Membership Report:** It's always great to see new faces, and new ideas. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and events. We are emailing the minutes and agenda to members. Email us at [info@friendsofworcester.org](mailto:info@friendsofworcester.org) if you would like to be added to the list.

**Fundraising Report:** Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor for our Newsletter please contact Barb McMonagle at 215-699-8225. Our annual request for contributions will be sent in the fall since we have just sent our spring newsletter. Arlene & Marie will help.

**10,000 Friends of PA:** A motion was passed to become an endorsing member of 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania. They support legislation on the state level promoting good land use and strategic planning. They will give us a lot of resources as well as a link to our website. We have been working with Marianne Scott. Susan will be liaison with their group. There is no cost to becoming an endorser.

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP MEETING REPORTS:**

**Board of Supervisors:** The contract for the replacement of the Grange Ave. bridge was awarded.

The conditional use permit for Kumpf-Bell cluster development on Trooper Road was approved with no entry on Valley Forge Road, Woodlyn Ave, or Township Line Road. There will be an emergency exit only on Township Line Road.

Approved the rezoning of 14.4 acres on Whitehall Road from AGR to AQRC (Age Qualified) to be part of the Schlosser/Van Grosie properties.

**Zoning Board:**

**Joint Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors:** No Meeting, next meeting in June.

**Planning Commission:**

John Harris & Ross Pilling made a presentation. The last 3-4 years we have been spending money to preserve open space. Now, we need to make ourselves more attractive for funding by the state, county and other sources. Montgomery County Lands Trust (MCLT) can do a topographical overlay (GIS study) which would show wetlands steep slopes, etc. showing the sensitive parts of the township that the county & state would be willing to preserve. The Planning Commission has recommended the BOS spend \$15,000 with a matching grant to do this overlay study with MCLT.

PC is currently working to update the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive

Plan includes existing land use, future land use and open space.

Thompson/Scott is coming back with plans showing the retention basin, treeline, and trail to Highview Drive changes.

**Traffic Advisory Committee** – Will be presenting the Roadway Sufficiency Analysis & Transportation Capital Improvement Plan to the BOS. FOW is opposed to the suggested changes at the 363 & 73 intersection. A public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 6:30 P.M. We urge everyone to attend and voice your concerns.

## **CURRENT ISSUES**

**Open Space** - The township is not pursuing any properties at the current time. Updating the Comprehensive Plan will help. The Open Space Plan is part of the Comprehensive Plan. We need to keep pressure on the Supervisors to acquire open space.

**CVS** - The Sale Pending sign is off the property at Germantown Pike & Trooper Roads. FOW has an online petition against CVS. Visit our website <http://www.friendsofworchester.org>, click on the CVS button and submit the petition. So far we have had an incredible response, over 200 people have replied. We will make copies of the petition responses to give the Supervisors & the Zoning Board when needed.

**Schlosser/Van Grosie** - The Supervisors approved the zoning change for the additional property containing 14.4 acres. The age qualified retirement community proposed for North Wales Road and Township Line Road will have 209 units on 112 acres.

**Thompson/Scott** – Updating plans.

## **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

**Primary** - Tuesday, May 20, 2003 – Come out and vote! Currently John Harris (endorsed by the Republican Committee) and Harris Gramm are candidates for Supervisor.

**Meadowood** - John Harris & Susan Caughlan recently made a presentation at Meadowood Retirement Community about Worcester's Open Space Program.

**Newsletter** - In the mail.

**Photo Contest – Worcester Township's Rural and Historical Roots** – Open to all Methacton High School Students. George Y., Jeannie & Mary Lou will judge. Winners will be announced at noon on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the FOW & Farmers Union Horse Show. All entries will be on display.

**Friends of Worcester Flea Market & Raffle & 63<sup>rd</sup> Farmers Union Horse Show** - Saturday June 7, 2003. 8A.M. – 4 P.M. FOW will staff the food tent and have its annual raffle & flea market. Photo contest entries will be exhibited and the winner announced at noon.

**Website** – Visit our website: <http://www.friendsofworchester.org>. Please come visit and leave your email address so we can email you the minutes. We are still compiling the CVS petition - to date there are over 200 in opposition to CVS. We have added a calendar with events, township meetings, FOW meeting minutes and newsletters.

Expand our efforts that Open Space Preservation = Lower Taxes

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

*Please Join Us By Attending Our Monthly Meetings & Events.*

June 7, 2003 – Saturday 8:00 A.M. – Farmers Union Horse Show & FOW Flea Market, 8 A.M. – 4 P.M.  
Heyser Field behind Worcester Township Community Hall, Valley Forge Road, Fairview Village  
(610)489-7904.

June 17, 2003 – Tuesday 7:30 P.M. – Home of Jeannie & George Steigerwalt, 1028 Grange Ave.  
(610)489-7904.

September 6, 2003 – Saturday 3 P.M. – Annual FOW Family Picnic – Home of Rob & Wini Hayes, 3033  
Fisher Road (610)584-0371. Raindate Sunday, September 7, 2003.

September 30, 2003 – Tuesday 7:30 P.M. – Home of Charley Muir, 1901 Whitehall Road, (610)584-8472

October 21, 2003 – Tuesday 7:30 P.M. – Home of Barb & Mike McMonagle, 2242 Berks Road,  
(215)699-8225.