

**FRIENDS OF WORCESTER
JUNE 17, 2003 - MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees: Kim David, Wini Hayes, Mary Lou Crush, Susan Caughlan, Marie Amato, Mary Grove, Charley Muir, Jeannie Steigerwalt, Howard & Joan Fulmer & Barbara McMonagle

Location: Home of Jeannie & George Steigerwalt, 1028 Grange Avenue, Collegetown, PA

Agenda Preview

FOW COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President's Report: FOW has been very busy this year. John Harris was appointed as our new Supervisor and will continue to promote open space preservation. CVS may be a dead issue at Germantown Pike & Trooper Road. The website has had a tremendous link to everyone with our online CVS petition receiving over 250 submissions. The FOW Newsletter has been great with more information. Also, our 1st Annual Photo Contest was a nice addition to the Farmer's Union Horse Show and FOW Flea Market & Raffle.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 6/1/03 \$1680.72

Membership Report: Lately, each meeting some new members have joined us. If you are interested - come to a meeting. 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 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. This would be great exposure for a Worcester business. We mail our newsletter to everyone in the township. Our annual request for membership contributions will be sent in the September.

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP MEETING REPORTS:

Board of Supervisors: John Harris was appointed as interim Supervisor. The BOS denied a 120 day extension for the Hugarir subdivision. BOS will take time to review the Roadway Sufficiency Analysis Traffic Study. The contract for the Fairview Village Sewer project was awarded. The cost is now approximately \$10,000 (originally \$23,000). Additional funding from the state may also be possible. The conditional use permit for Willow Creek Farm Market was continued.

Zoning Board: No pertinent information.

Joint Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors: Granted a 90 day extension for the Hugarir subdivision. Talked about the traffic study. Discussed the Sign Ordinance.

Planning Commission: Continuing to update the Worcester Comprehensive Plan. Also, working with Ross Pilling on an overlay plan to qualify for funding from the County for open space preservation. Thompson/Scott – PC disputing the retention basin.

Traffic Advisory Committee – The Committee presented the Roadway Sufficiency Analysis & Transportation Capital Improvement Plan to the BOS.

CURRENT ISSUES

Open Space – Do we need more people to work with John Harris and help with open space? Worcester could create an open space task force. Ross Pilling and John Harris are looking at new ways to identify sensitive areas within the township and we all can help.

Open Space Referendum - In November, the Montgomery County Commissioners will be asking if residents want to continue to spend money \$ for open space. FOW will work to promote awareness and passage of the referendum.

CVS - Hopefully this issue is dead. The sale pending sign is off the property at Germantown Pike & Trooper Roads.

Schlosser/Van Grosie - 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

Newsletter – Next newsletter will be in the fall.

Photo Contest – Worcester Township’s Rural and Historical Roots – Winners were announced at the FOW & Farmers Union Horse Show. Mr. Bosler is planning to make this part of the curriculum next year. FOW plans to make this an annual contest.

Friends of Worcester Flea Market & Raffle & 63rd Farmers Union Horse Show - The weather didn't cooperate this year but it didn't stop the Horse Show. FOW postponed the raffle and flea market. There will be a fall Horse Show. The Farmers' Union Horse Company is hosting The Montgomery County Horse Show on Sunday, September 21, 2003. FOW will staff the food tent and have its annual raffle & flea market at the fall Horse Show.

Website – Visit our website: <http://www.friendsofworcester.org>. Please come visit and leave your email address so we can email you the minutes. We are constantly updating the website with current information such as: meeting dates, events, newsletters & minutes.

Expand our efforts that Open Space Preservation = Lower Taxes

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Please Join Us By Attending Our Monthly Meetings & Events.

September 21, 2003 - Sunday, 8:00 A.M. – Farmers Union Horse Co. hosts The Montgomery County Horse Show and FOW Flea Market & Raffle, Heyser Field behind Worcester Township Community Hall, Valley Forge Road, Fairview Village (610)489-7904.

September 27, 2003 (*New Date*) – Saturday, 3 P.M. – Annual FOW Potluck Picnic – Home of Wini & Rob Hayes, 3033 Fisher Road (610)584-0371. (Rain date 9/28/03)

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.