

## **Friends of Worcester meeting minutes      Meeting date: October 10, 2007**

**Review of Minutes.** The minutes of the September 2007 meeting were approved with two clarifications.

**President's Report.** President Kim David noted that in working to support FOW's mission to preserve open space, we might alienate some residents who do not agree with this position. As we promote rural values in preserving our community, we need to persuade residents of the value of our rural atmosphere.

**Treasurer's Report.** The Board of Officers unanimously approved a resolution to open an interest-bearing money market account with Vanguard.

**Contribution and Support.** Barbara McMonagle reported that the 2007 budget is on track to meet both income and expense projections.

**Fundraising/Hospitality.** Marie Amato reported that ads are coming in for the fall newsletter.

### **Township Reports.**

**Board of Supervisors.** The Board elected to send a request to PennDOT to improve Valley Forge Rd between Woodlyn Ave and Water Street Rd. This was done in order to secure the majority of the funding for this project from the state. The township will be responsible for only a small percentage. The project will be added to PennDOT's 12-year TIP (Transportation Improvement Projects) list.

**Planning Commission.** No meetings were held since the last FOW meeting.

**Zoning Hearing Board.** Nothing to report.

**Joint Meeting.** The next Joint Meeting of the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission is scheduled for December 3 at 9:30 a.m. in Community Hall, Fairview Village.

**Newsletter.** The progress of the newsletter articles was discussed. FOW's mission statement will be included if there is room.

**Outreach.** An outreach program to new neighborhoods was targeted for early 2008. Possible focus areas are: Why did you move to Worcester, and what local issues interest you.

Possible topics were discussed for programs that could be presented at Worcester Elementary School, including raised bed gardening and tree planting. Jeannie Steigerwalt and Jennifer Strouse will explore possible topics.

The possibility of inviting the public to Meadowood's education program was discussed. Susan will contact Bill Fox to determine whether FOW should circulate an invitation to the email contact list.

**Website.** Updated information on the turnpike expansion and PECO substation projects is supplied via the links on the home page.

### **Current issues.:**

**Historic Preservation.** The Historic Structures Preservation Committee meeting schedule has been suspended while the Planning Commission reviews the ordinance recommended by the committee.

**Open Space.** Nothing to report.

**Fairview Village.** Nothing to report.

PECO Substation. No decision has been made yet on which site will be chosen. A sample site design can be seen on the FOW webpage, friendsofworcester.org. The impact of the Federal Energy Policy Act of 2006 on the state's ability to control the expansion of electric transmission lines was discussed.

**New Business.**

We discussed whether to hand out FOW literature at the polls. A new handout was suggested which would highlight the township properties that are preserved and those that are under development. Residents will be encouraged to support FOW and get involved in promoting and preserving Worcester's rural values. Kim David will work with Susan to prepare a handout.

**FOW 2007 meeting dates and upcoming events:**

Meetings:

Wednesday, November 14

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at Bean Road Nursery (corner of Bean & Whitehall Rds.)

Holiday Potluck Party

Thursday, December 27; 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the home of Rob and Wini Hayes, 3033 Fisher Rd.  
RSVP 610-584-0371 to let us know what you can bring.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Caughlan