

## **Open Space Review Board: Annual Report (2021)**

Submitted to the Willistown Township Board of Supervisors pursuant to paragraph 29-8, Subsection A of Ordinance No. 9-2000.

The purpose of the OSRB is to look for, review and recommend properties to the Board of Supervisors for acquisition using funds from the OSRB fund and matching grants where available, following rules per the township code chapter 29 for the OSRB.

Link to chapter 29: <https://ecode360.com/11711345>

### 2021 OSRB Members

Ted Leisenring, Chairman

Brook Gardner, Vice Chairman

Erik Hetzel, Secretary

Jeff Vincent

Mike Devine

Bob Kacergis (Parks and Recreation Board)

### Invited Staff Advisors:

Mary N. Hundt, Director, Township Parks and Recreation

Sally Slook, Township Manager

### OSRB Meetings and Members

The Board met 6 times in 2018: January 25(organizational meeting), February 4 (site visit), July 19, September 27, and November 4, and December 13.

At the end of 2020 Jeanette Lindvig resigned from the OSRB. The OSRB was polled and recommended to the Supervisors that Mimi Quinn-Johnson be appointed to fill the vacancy left when Jeanette Lindvig resigned. At the January 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting the Supervisors appointed Mimi Quinn-Johnson to the OSRB.

### Properties Reviewed for Preservation

The property at 2106 Whitehorse Road was reviewed as an open space funding prospect at the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, at which time the OSRB agreed that it was worthy of further consideration. The OSRB and the Parks and Recreation Board visited the property on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Members of the OSRB completed the Township evaluation forms for the property with a majority of the OSRB recommending that Board of Supervisors consider expending Open Space Fund resources to assist Willistown Conservation Trust in acquiring the property. Ultimately, the property was acquired by WCT for \$1.2 million, with funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania DCNR (\$500,000), Willistown Township (\$450,000), and Chester County (\$250,000).

### Open Space Fund Report:

The OSRB Fund balance at the end of 2020 was \$4,835,288.61.

At the end of 2021 the balance was \$4,861,573,01.

An increase of \$26,284,40.