

# Franklin Township Open Space Committee

**Subject:** Open Space & Trail Committee Meeting Minutes  
**Meeting Date:** **November 12<sup>th</sup> and December 10, 2007 @ 6:30 PM** in the Township Building  
**Meeting Attendees:** Bob Brechter, Phil Geoghegan, Dolores Hughes, Paul Overton, Teddy Price, Eric Brindle (Planning Commission liaison to the OSC)

The October meeting was canceled.

## **Trail Planning**

Ray Ott reviewed the output from the public trail meeting on November 12th. He has begun the key person interviews.

## **Botanical Survey**

Jane Ebert was chosen to conduct a Botanical survey of Franklin Township as part of a larger effort to document the plant resources of the White Clay Creek watershed. On December 10<sup>th</sup> she presented a status report on her work. So far she has identified 824 plant species in the Township: some are rare in Pennsylvania; many are locally rare; one may not have been described in the botanical literature (i.e., a new species). The latter is undergoing DNA analysis at McGill University. Janet expects to complete her work and write up the report early next year. She will summarize her results at a Board of Supervisors meeting. The results will be available to the public.

## **Land Preservation**

The Township received a grant from the State to purchase a parcel along the White Clay Creek. The Township previously received a grant for this property from the County. Final negotiations with the landowners have begun.

We have been approached by the owners of 3 additional properties to preserve their land. We will determine how they fit into the Township's Open Space and Recreation portion of the Comprehensive Plan and decide on what action to take early next year.

## **Meetings**

IQ'08 Open Space meetings are scheduled for Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, and Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>.