

# Carbon County Open Space Advisory Board

## Minutes

October 19, 2023

6:30 pm

The Open Space Advisory Board was called to order at 6:30pm on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 44 Susquehanna Street, Jim Thorpe, PA 1<sup>st</sup> floor Conference Room.

### **In Attendance:**

Fred Kemmerer, Jr., Ian Farrell, Katherine Cunfer, David Krause, Danadee Miller-Boyle, Gerry Madden and Sara Holland.

### **Absent:**

Brent Green and Richard Fedor.

### **Others in Attendance:**

Dan Kunkle, Ann Hutchinson, Christine Proctor, Lee Kunkle, Chris Lukasevich, David Bodnar, and Jason Skrimcovsky.

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### **Call to Order:**

Fred Kemmerer, Jr., Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led group in the pledge of allegiance.

### **Approval of September 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes:**

1st by Katie Cunfer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sara Holland – All in favor.

### **Status of By-Laws:**

Commissioner Chris Lukasevich reported to the board there is no progress on approval of the by-laws. He assured the board the by-laws will be ready for the November meeting.

### **Continued-Open Space Selection Guidelines (aka Criteria) and Ranking:**

Dan Kunkle, facilitator and advisors Ann Hutchinson and Christine Proctor reviewed with board members the results of the guidelines and ranking from the previous meeting. After much discussion, revisions were discussed and the plan was finalized. 1<sup>st</sup> by David Krause and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Madden.

### **Recommend Criteria to County Commissioners :**

The open space selection guidelines and ranking are ready for the county commissioners approval. 1<sup>st</sup> by Danadee Miller-Boyle and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Madden.

### **Results of Homework Assignment – Get Outdoors in Carbon County:**

Board members discussed their adventures out in the county. All members expressed positive feedback. The Northwest area including coal region and Panther Valley – Katherine Cunfer; Northeast area to

Western Pocono region in Penn Forest – Kidder area, mostly forested – Danadee Miller-Boyle and Fred Kemmerer; Southwest area – primarily Ag region, Mahoning and East Penn Townships, HV streams – Ian Farrell and Gerry Madden; Southeast area – mix of Ag and forested with HV streams – Danadee Miller-Boyle.

**Further Business and Adjournment:**

Hearing no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> by David Krause and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sara Holland - All in favor.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Conference Room at 44 Susquehanna Street, Jim Thorpe, PA.**

Respectfully submitted:

Danadee Miller-Boyle