

Carbon County Open Space Advisory Board

Minutes

November 16, 2023

6:30 pm

The Open Space Advisory Board was called to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 44 Susquehanna Street, Jim Thorpe, PA 1st floor Conference Room.

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

Brent Green.

Others in Attendance:

Dan Kunkle, Dennis DeMara, Ann Hutchinson, Dawn Gorham, Lee Kunkle, David Bodnar, and Jason Skrimcovsky.

Guest:

Aneca Atkinson, National Audubon Society Representative

Call to Order:

Katherine Cunfer, Vice- Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led group in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of October 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

1st by Sara Holland and 2nd by Richard Fedor – All in favor.

Status of By-Laws:

Dennis DeMara informed board members the Carbon County Commissioners approved the By-Laws.

Status of Open Space Selection Guidelines (aka Criteria) and Ranking:

Open Space Selection Guidelines and Ranking Approval is pending with the commissioners. Dennis DeMara informed board members the need to invite the commissioners and the upcoming new commissioner to future meetings for further engagement.

Conservation 101 Presentation:

Dawn Gorham gave a presentation entitled Conservation 101. Handout of presentation will be emailed to all board members.

Discussion of Draft Application and Manual:

Dawn Gorham reviewed with board members a draft application and manual with board members. Homework assignment is to review the information given to board members in regards to the draft application and manual and get back suggestions, feedback within two weeks from the date of this meeting.

Further Business and Adjournment:

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM, 1st by David Krause and 2nd by Katherine Cunfer - All in favor.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Conference Room at 44 Susquehanna Street, Jim Thorpe, PA.

Respectfully submitted:

Danadee Miller-Boyle