

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY OPEN SPACE BOARD**

**October 23, 2019**

**4:00 P.M.**

**Montgomery County Planning Commission**

**Montgomery Room**

**Norristown, PA**

**AGENDA**

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- **Welcome** *Board Chair*
  
- **MCPC staff updates** *MCPC Staff*

- Introduction of Brian Olszak, Senior Open Space Planner
- Open Space Section Chief job posting

- **Approval of September 16, 2019 minutes** *Board Chair*

- **Guest Presentations**

- 4891 Garges Road *Chris Canavan, Lower Salford Township*  
*Joe Czajkowski, Lower Salford Township*  
*Chris Heleniak, Skippack Township*

This is a 65.39-acre property that lies in Lower Salford and Skippack townships. The property lies between tracts of preserved land owned by each township. The property is in the Act 319 program and is primarily in agricultural use. The East Branch Perkiomen Creek runs through the northern portion of the property; the land across the creek is wooded. There is a house and a large barn on-site. The municipalities are seeking open space funding to assist with the purchase of this property to be preserved as open space and the future alignment of the Evansburg Loop Trail.

- Wolford Road Lot Project *Ted Poatsy, Upper Salford Township*

The 13-acre Wolford Road Lot is located close to where the annual Philadelphia Folk Festival is held and serves as parking for the festival. During the remainder of the year, the lot is used for agricultural purposes. The lot is also situated close to the township's Upper Salford Park (39.74 acres). The township is seeking open space funds to assist with the purchase of this lot in order to preserve it as open space and also to provide greater connectivity between the township's existing and planned trail networks.

- **Trail Projects Update** *County Staff*

- Bids Advertised
  - Schuylkill River Trail Connector to US Route 422 Design
  - Wissahickon and Cross County Feasibility Studies

- **Open Space Acquisition Update**

*County Staff*

- Murray Property – 51 East Park Road, Schwenksville

- **Recent & Upcoming Events**

*County Staff*

- Newtown Rail Trail Groundbreaking
- Montgomery Awards
- Access, Diversity & Awareness Plan Outreach at Carousel of Flavor
- American Planning Association Awards
  - Rick Collier, FAICP - 2019 Award for Leaders: Distinguished Service
  - Bike Montco – 2019 Award for Plans

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2019