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Pocopson Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

The Pocopson Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting was held on July 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pocopson Township Municipal Building, 664 South Wawaset Road, West Chester, PA 19382.

In attendance were Open Space Advisory Committee Members: Suzanne Breiseth, Ken Dabundo, Alice Balsama, Matthew Johnsen; Sandra Retzlaff, Board of Supervisors Liaison; and Neil D. Vaughn, Township Manager/Secretary.

There was one guest in attendance.

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Public Comment**
 - a. None
- III. **Old Business**
 - a. None
- IV. **New Business**
 - a. Brandywine Red Clay Alliance Presentation
 - i. Abbie Kessler from the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance was in attendance and reviewed the Land Preservation Program for the Alliance. Ms. Kessler noted that they hold eight easements in the Township, and work with property owners to ensure that they meet the requirements set forth in those easements. One of the goals of the Alliance is conservation corridors, and they also focus on waterways. Ms. Kessler reviewed the outreach and networking activities that the Alliance performed and discussed future potential properties that could be targeted for open space preservation.
 - b. Property Ranking System for Potential Open Space Acquisition(s)
 - i. Township Manager Vaughn provided a summary of the property ranking system process and the information to be utilized while ranking properties.

At 7:46 p.m., the Committee entered into an executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate matters. The executive session concluded at 8:27 p.m. at which point the Committee reconvened in public session.

Following the executive session, Alice Balsama made a motion to accept the property ranking system for UPI #63-3-71 and recommend to the Board of Supervisors to enter into an agricultural easement purchase with Chester County for the property with a second by Ken Durbano. With there being no additional comments, the motion passed 4-0.

V. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. A motion was made by Ken Dabundo to approve the June 9, 2026, Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, with a second by Alice Balsama. With there being no additional comments, the motion passed 4-0.

- VI. **Adjournment:** Matthew Johnsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. with a second by Suzanne Breiseth. With there being no additional comments, the motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil D. Vaughn', with a stylized, flowing script.

Neil D. Vaughn
Township Manager/Secretary