

**March 9, 2022**

**Public Hearing – Conservation Easement – Martin and Garret Aguilar Property**

The East Nantmeal Township Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on the above date at the Township Building. Present were Supervisors Edward P. Loomis, Jr., David L. Frame, and Tyler E. Wren, as well as, Township Solicitor, Thomas F. Oeste, and Secretary/Treasurer, Susan M. Rutherford.

Chairman Loomis opened the Hearing at 7:00 p.m. The Hearing was held in accordance with Section 6 of the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Preservation Act – 32PS Section 5006. Solicitor Oeste identified the proposed conservation easement, the assessed value, and the contributions required by Chester County and East Nantmeal Township. Solicitor Oeste opened the floor for public comment.

Resident, Gary Wills, asked if other buildings were proposed on the property and expressed his interest in keeping the open landscape that Mary J. Comfort had envisioned. Mr. Aguilar responded that possibly a small retirement home would be built near the current home.

Motion by Chairman Loomis to approve the letter agreement with Natural Lands Trust for the conservation of 3225 Horseshoe Trail Road, East Nantmeal Township, Parcel #24-5-89, approximately 41.6 acres, seconded by Supervisor Frame; all in favor.

Motion by Supervisor Frame to authorize participation by East Nantmeal Township and the expenditure of \$304,400 from the Township Open Space Fund to fund the acquisition of a conservation easement covering approximately 41.6 acres in corporation with the County of Chester, on the property of Martin and Garret Aguilar located at 3225 Horseshoe Trail Road, UPI number 24-5-89; acknowledge the easement and all documents necessary to finalize the transaction; a contribution by Chester County of \$270,400 and subject to an agreement between the owners and the Township to pay the contribution to the owners in 5 equal annual installments of \$54,800. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wren; all in favor.

Chairman Loomis closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan M. Rutherford, Secretary/Treasurer