

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2016, 7:00 p.m.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE: Adequate notice of this public meeting has been made in accordance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act inasmuch as a notice has been published in the New Jersey Herald, transmitted to the Star Ledger and posted at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Road, Tranquility, NJ.

ROLL CALL: Louis Caruso, Daniel Conkling, Patty DeClesis, Gladys Golder, Paul Nusbaum and Jennifer Russ

Members Present: Louis Caruso, Daniel Conkling, Patty DeClesis, Gladys Golder, and Jennifer Russ

Also present: Matt Fox, Chairman Environmental Advisory Committee

Members Absent: Paul Nusbaum

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes of January 13, 2016
Motion to approve minutes of January 13, 2016, was made by Jennifer Russ, seconded by Daniel Conkling. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.
2. Approval of minutes of January 22, 2016
Motion to approve minutes of January 22, 2016, was made by Jennifer Russ, seconded by Louis Caruso. All Ayes with abstentions from Daniel Conkling, Patty DeClesis and Gladys Golder. No discussion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Forest Knoll/Salvigsen Property – Block 18, Lot 98 – Chairman Caruso informed the Committee that a site visit was conducted on January 22, 2016. Chairman Caruso, Jennifer Russ and Linda Glosinski were in attendance. The property contains a conservation easement that includes wetlands and floodplains, as well as invasive species and would not be suitable for recreational uses. Jennifer Russ motioned to not recommend the property for open space; seconded by Chairman Caruso. All Ayes with an abstention from Daniel Conkling. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Potential Farmland Preservation Property – Chairman Caruso informed the Committee that the Land Conservancy met with the property owner and presented and explained options that are available. The property owner will review and get back to the Land Conservancy.
2. 20th Annual New Jersey Land Conservancy Rally – March 18, 2016 – Mrs. DeClesis informed the Committee of the invitation.
3. Minutes of the Sussex County Agriculture Development Board – Mrs. DeClesis distributed minutes of December 21, 2015.
4. Sussex County Open Space and Recreation Plan Update – Chairman Caruso stated that in December of 2015, the County went to each municipality to collect information on open space and recreation plan. The County recently presented the information that was collected to date.

The presentation is attached to and made part of these minutes. Mr. Caruso also reviewed a chart of water priorities for land preservation for Sussex County. Chairman Caruso will present this information to the Township Committee on March 28, 2016.

COMMENTS FROM THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS and/or QUESTIONS: None

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Gladys Golder, seconded by Jennifer Russ. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty DeClesis, Secretary

Date Approved