

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

Mr. Caruso called the April 3, 2024, Open Space Advisory Committee Regular Meeting to order at 7:10 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, Richard Conklin, Gladys Golder, John Lynch, William “Bob” Olivier, Margaret “Peg” Phillips, and Stephen Slota

Members Present: Louis Caruso, Richard Conklin, Gladys Golder, John Lynch, William “Bob” Olivier, and Stephen Slota

Members Absent: Margaret “Peg” Phillips

Also Present: Patty DeClesis, Open Space Secretary

John Lynch motioned to excuse the absent member, seconded by Gladys Golder. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of meeting minutes reorganization meeting of January 10, 2024
Motion to approve minutes of January 10, 2024, was made by Steve Slota, seconded by Bob Olivier. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Lou Caruso stated attempts have been made to contact the property owners adjacent to the County Connector Trail to meet with their mortgage company. Lou will continue with his attempts. A discussion ensued regarding the trail crossings across Airport and Creek Roads. The Committee agreed to recommend the Township Committee authorize the Township Engineer move forward with installation of the crosswalks. Discussions continued regarding connecting the trail beyond Whitehall Road. A suggestion was made to build another tunnel to allow trail access to Andover Borough.

NEW BUSINESS: Lou Caruso explained that the Township Committee approved spending Open Space funds for improvements to EverGreen Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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COMMENTS FROM THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS and/or QUESTIONS: No public members were present.

ADJOURNMENT: Rich Conklin motioned to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., seconded by John Lynch. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty DeClesis, Secretary
Open Space Advisory Committee

Date Approved: May 1, 2024