

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2015, 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, Paul Nusbaum, Gladys Golder, and Jennifer Russ

Members Present: Louis Caruso, Daniel Conkling, Paul Nusbaum and Jennifer Russ

Also present: Patty DeClesis, Secretary

Members Absent: Gladys Golder

Motion to excuse Gladys Golder was made by Daniel Conkling, seconded by Louis Caruso. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes of April 1, 2015
Motion to approve minutes of April 1, 2015, was made by Daniel Conkling, seconded by Louis Caruso. No discussion. Ayes made by Louis Caruso and Daniel Conkling. Abstentions made by Jennifer Russ and Paul Nusbaum. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Sussex County Open Space Committee Meeting of April 1, 2015 – Louis Caruso updated the Committee members and stated that Green Township is interested in keeping open space. A sample resolution was prepared for towns to adopt and send to the County Freeholders to authorize a public referendum at the General Election. The Committee reviewed the sample resolution and agreed that they would recommend to the Township Committee. Paul Nusbaum motioned to forward the resolution to the Township Committee, seconded by Jennifer Russ. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Louis Caruso made copies on CD of the Open Space Plan prepared in 2009 and distributed to the Committee members. Patty DeClesis also put on the website.
2. Student Government Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

COMMENTS FROM THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

1. Paul Nusbaum commented that preservation of land that can be used for farmland is so important. He also believes that because of the severe drought out west and the lack of agriculture, the need for food is going to be immense. Sussex County has sufficient land suitable for farming.

2. Paul Nusbaum inquired if there are any properties that can be identified and purchased as open space. Louis Caruso explained that recently there were two properties identified but due to the long process, the seller does not want to wait that long and sell their properties to other interested buyers.
3. Paul Nusbaum also inquired about trails throughout Green Township. It was suggested to ask Linda Gloschinski of the Land Conservancy to attend the next Open Space Meeting. Patty DeClesis will contact Linda Gloschinski.

PUBLIC COMMENTS and/or QUESTIONS: None

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Daniel Conkling, seconded by Paul Nusbaum. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty DeClesis, Secretary

Date Approved