

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE
MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**

Chairman Caruso called the May 1, 2019, Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 7:05 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, Daniel Conkling, Gladys Golder, John Lynch, Paul Nusbaum, and Stephen Slota

Members Present: Louis Caruso, Richard Conklin, Daniel Conkling (arrived late), Gladys Golder, and Stephen Slota

Also Present: Members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, Louis Tommaso, James Chirip and Richard Vohden; and Patty DeClesis, Open Space Secretary

Members Absent: John Lynch and Paul Nusbaum

Mr. Slota motioned to excuse the absent members. Seconded by Mr. Conklin. No discussion. All were in favor. Motioned carried.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of meeting minutes regular and executive session of April 3, 2019
Motion to approve minutes of April 3, 2019, was made by Mrs. Golder, seconded by Mr. Slota. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. County Connector Trail Update - Mr. Caruso stated that he met with Mr. Ken Adler and his partner (brother) concerning the trail extension across Kennedy Road along his property at 35 Kennedy Road. Mr. Caruso advised Mr. Adler to discuss and review the plans with the Township Engineer. The property owners prefer to sell that portion of land. Mr. Caruso explained the process that the Land Conservancy will obtain three proposals and will handle the negotiations. The Committee members were in favor of moving forward with obtaining appraisals.

Mr. Caruso stated that he will work with the Township Administrator to choose a gate style to prevent any motorized vehicles from entering the private property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Caruso requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss potential real property. Mr. Slota motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:09 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Golder. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Open Space Advisory Committee returned to Open Session at 7:13 p.m.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review Prioritized List of Preserved Farmland - The Ag Committee and the Open Space Committee reviewed the list of properties to determine if they qualify for farmland preservation or open space. The Committees will reach out to the owners of the properties that have been identified to see if they are interested in preservation.

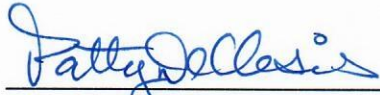
COMMENTS FROM THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: None

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

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Conkling motioned to adjourn at 8:26 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Golder. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty DeClesis, Secretary



Date Approved