

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2017, 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, Richard Conklin, Daniel Conkling, Gladys Golder, Paul Nusbaum, and Jennifer Russ

Members Present: Louis Caruso, Richard Conklin, Daniel Conkling, Gladys Golder, Paul Nusbaum and Jennifer Russ

Also Present: Patty DeClesis, Open Space Committee Secretary; and Charlie Fineran, Allamuchy Open Space Committee

MINUTES:

Approval of minutes of April 5, 2017

Motion to approve minutes of April 5, 2017, was made by Daniel Conkling, seconded by Gladys Golder. No discussion. All Ayes with Abstentions from Paul Nusbaum and Jennifer Russ. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Status and Update – County Connector Trail – Mr. Caruso explained that he received three quotes, estimating \$15,000 to \$16,000, to clear the trail. After the hiring of two additional DPW employees, the Township decided to rent equipment at approximately \$4,000 and have the DPW clear the trail. Mr. Perigo, DPW Municipal Department Head, cleared just over one mile long and approximately 9-10 feet in width. Emergency trucks will be able to get through in the event of an emergency.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) Grants – Linda Glosinski (not in attendance) provided a summary explaining that Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides financial assistance to eligible partners for purchasing ALE that protect the agricultural use and conservation values of eligible land. This is a federal program. The Township has a Municipal Preservation Incentive Program (PIG).

COMMENTS FROM THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: Paul Nusbaum stated that he walked the trail and commented that it is beautiful, the width is adequate, however the surface is tough to walk on. There are many large railroad rocks. The Committee briefly discussed different surfaces that can be used. Mr. Conkling made a suggestion to have the Township Engineer look at the trail and make a recommendation. Mr. Fineran provided some recommendations for the surface.

PUBLIC COMMENTS and/or QUESTIONS: Jennie Eisenmenger, 28 Municipal Road, commented that the trail is a great idea, however she is concerned of littering, rain washouts and downed trees affecting the trail. Mrs. Eisenmenger also has concerns of those wanting to use the trail, parking on Municipal Road and behind the Tranquility Post Office. She has witnessed people parking behind the Post Office and on occasion inappropriate activities occurring. Mr. Conkling advised Mrs. Eisenmenger to speak with the

Township Clerk/Administrator in order to address the problems. Mr. Caruso stated that it will be encouraged for trail users to park cars at EverGreen Park or at Trinca Airport.

Mr. Charlie Fineran stated that volunteer groups can help clean-up the trail with Clean Communities grant monies.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS: None

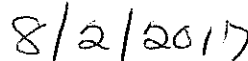
ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. was made by Gladys Golder, seconded by Jennifer Russ. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty DeClesis, Secretary



Date Approved