

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 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, and Jennifer Russ

Members Absent: Paul Nusbaum and Secretary, Patty DeClesis

REORGANIZATION:

1. Reappointments per Township of Green Resolution 2017-15 (attached).
2. Administer Oath of Office: Daniel Conkling completed the Oath of Office.
3. Appoint Chairman: Daniel Conkling made a motion to nominate Louis Caruso as Chairman, seconded by Jennifer Russ. No other nominations were made. All Ayes. Motion carried. Oath of Office was administered.
4. Appoint Vice Chairperson: Daniel Conkling made a motion to nominate Gladys Golder as Vice Chairperson, seconded by Jennifer Russ. No other nominations were made. All Ayes. Motion carried. Oath of Office was administered.
5. Approve meeting dates for 2017: The Committee agreed and approved the following meeting dates for 2017:

February 1	June 7
March 1	October 4
April 5	November 1
May 3	December 6
	January 10, 2018

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes of December 7, 2016
Motion to approve minutes of December 7, 2016, was made by Louis Caruso, seconded by Jennifer Russ. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Status and Progress Report from the Land Conservancy of New Jersey – the Committee reviewed the progress report (attached) provided by Linda Gloshinski. Mr. Conkling will check with Mr. Watson Perigo on the status of the trail clearing. Mr. Caruso spoke with the Trustees of the Tranquility Cemetery and feels that the pedestrians should be able to walk through the graveyard to continue with the trail.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Caruso announced that he is resigning from the County Open Space Committee.

COMMENTS FROM THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: Richard Conklin walked part of the trail and commented that it is fairly clear.

Louis Caruso informed the Committee that the new Township Clerk/Administrator, Mr. Mark Zschack, would like to meet with Linda Glosinski. A meeting will be arranged.

PUBLIC COMMENTS and/or QUESTIONS: None

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS: None

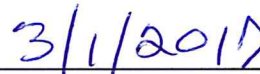
ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Louis Caruso, seconded by Gladys Golder. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty DeClesis, Secretary



Date Approved

Green Township Open Space Committee
The Land Conservancy of New Jersey - Status and Progress Report - January 2017
Linda Glosinski, Land Preservation Specialist

County Connector Trail

The summary of the project was provided at the December Open Space Committee Meeting. The Township Department of Public Works was going to review the proposed project and the tree/vegetation removal to see what would be involved. The FECON Mulching machine would be highly recommended to complete the task. If needed, TLC-NJ could provide contractors that would be suitable to complete the task.

The Township OSC discussed having the Township start on the town owned land, beginning in Evergreen Park, and then working north. At the northern terminus, the Township owns to the southern side of Airport Road. The right of way on the northern side of the road is owned by the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). This section owned by NJDEP has not been developed as a trail. Once the Township trail project is underway and getting some publicity, it would be a good time to try to meet with NJDEP and New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) representatives to see how the Township could connect to these existing NJDEP owned right of way lands to the north, and also to discuss the dispute over the ownership of the tunnel associated with the elevated Lackawana Cutoff Railroad (NJDOT vs. Robert Occhifinito).