

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2018, 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, John Lynch, Paul Nusbaum, and Jennifer Russ

Members Present: Louis Caruso, Richard Conklin, Daniel Conkling, John Lynch, and Jennifer Russ

Members Absent: Gladys Golder and Paul Nusbaum

Mr. Conkling motioned to excuse the absent members. Seconded by Jennifer Russ. No discussion. All Ayes. Motioned carried.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of reorganizational minutes of January 10, 2018
Motion to approve minutes of January 10, 2018, was made by Daniel Conkling, seconded by Richard Conklin. No discussion. All Ayes with Abstention from John Lynch. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on County Connector Trail - Mr. Caruso stated that he and Mr. Conklin toured the area near Western Hills Christian Church. This area contains an easement and the Township Assessor does not think we can use this area to continue the trail from the Tranquility Cemetery. The Township received a request to purchase property from the Township near the trail off Kennedy Road. The new property owners want to purchase this land that is behind their property. Mr. Conkling stated this area was to be available long term for new recreational fields. At this time there is not a need for additional fields so the Committee is researching the idea of possibly leasing this area.

Mr. Caruso stated that he spoke with the son of the owner of the office building on Kennedy Road to discuss the trail continuing along that property. The son stated that his father is due back from Florida in mid-April and suggested approaching him at that time.

The new three-dimensional kiosk at the entrance of the trail has been completed as an Eagle Scout project.

The Committee continued discussions on the best type of surface to use on the trail. Mr. Perigo can get samples of different surfaces and have the road department put down. The Committee can make an assessment and determine the best surface. The Committee discussed an estimated cost and where the materials will be purchased from.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Committee received the November 20, 2017, minutes of the Sussex County Agriculture Development Board
2. NJDEP Green Acres – Mr. Caruso stated this pertains to the Ag Committee.
3. Delaware River Basin/Watershed Fracking Regulations - Mr. Caruso stated that the Environmental Advisory Committee discussed this at their last meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: Mr. Conkling informed the Committee that the Township received a Public Event Notification to hold a rodeo on the new Freeborn property in Green Township at the end of May. There are some concerns about these events taking place on farmland. The Sussex County Agriculture Development Board will be notified.

Mr. Conkling will talk with the DPW Supervisor, Mr. Perigo, to look into co-op pricing for the surface and the Township Clerk, Mr. Zschack concerning how this will be funded, if the Township need to go out to bid.

Mrs. DeClesis informed the Committee that Student Government Day will be held on Monday, April 16, 2018.

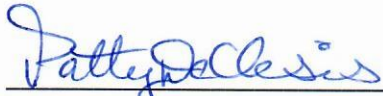
PUBLIC COMMENTS and/or QUESTIONS: No public were present

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Daniel Conkling at 8:10 p.m., seconded by John Lynch. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty DeClesis, Secretary



Date Approved