

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

Chairman Caruso called the May 10, 2021, Open Space Advisory Committee Special Meeting to order at 7:03 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, William "Bob" Olivier, and Stephen Slota

Members Present: Louis Caruso, Richard Conklin, Daniel Conkling, Gladys Golder, William "Bob" Olivier, and Stephen Slota

Members Absent: John Lynch

Also Present: Patty DeClesis, Open Space Secretary

Mr. Slota motioned to excuse the absent member.

Seconded: Mrs. Golder

Discussion: None

All were in favor.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2021
Motion to approve minutes of April 7, 2021, regular and executive session was made by Mr. Conkling, seconded by Mr. Conklin. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. County Connector Trail Update – Mr. Caruso stated that the Township Engineer is working on a concept plan for the County Connector Trail extension south of Kennedy Road, which will be available for the June meeting. The Township Engineer has also submitted a preliminary plan to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

The DPW Supervisor has started clearing the extension of the County Connector Trail from Trinca Airport to Creek Road. He is finding a lot of railroad ties that will need to be removed properly. The Committee discussed renting a dumpster and having the railroad ties brought to a recycling center. Mr. Caruso stated that he will attend the next Township Committee Meeting and make the recommendation to rent a dumpster to remove the railroad ties.

At 7:18 p.m. Mr. Conkling requested the Committee enter Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Conklin. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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The Committee returned to Open Public Session at 7:19 p.m.

Mr. Caruso stated that the DPW Supervisor will also clean up a portion of the EverGreen Trail when the County Connector Trail has been cleared.

NEW BUSINESS: The Sussex County Open Space Committee Minutes of January 28, 2021, were distributed.

COMMENTS FROM THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: Mr. Caruso read a memo to be sent to the Agriculture Advisory Committee concerning the farmland preservation properties. A copy of the memo is attached and made part of these minutes. The Committee agreed to send the memo to the Agriculture Committee.

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

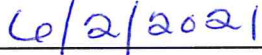
ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Golder motioned to adjourn at 7:36 p.m., seconded by Mr. Conklin. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty DeClesis, Secretary



Date Approved