

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**

Chairman Caruso called the March 4, 2026, Open Space Advisory Committee Regular Meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE: Lou Caruso read the statement of public notice.

ROLL CALL: Louis Caruso, Richard Conklin, Gladys Golder, John Lynch, William “Bob” Olivier, Margaret “Peg” Phillips and Stephen Slota

Members Present: Louis Caruso, Richard Conklin, Gladys Golder, Margaret “Peg” Phillips, and Stephen Slota

Also Present: Patty DeClesis, Open Space Secretary

Members Absent: John Lynch and William “Bob” Olivier

Peg Phillips motioned to excuse the absent members. Seconded by Steve Slota. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of regular meeting minutes of February 4, 2026
Motion to approve minutes of February 4, 2026, was made by Peg Phillips, seconded by Steve Slota. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. County Connector Trail – Lou Caruso provided an update. Linda Glosinski of The Land Conservancy contacted David Zaback of the State Agriculture Development Committee to ask about extending the trail onto preserved farmland (Tranquillity Farms). Although there will be no impact on the farming operations, the State’s opinion is that the trail would not be permitted on the agricultural operation. The Committee discussed other options for expansion of the trail.
2. Open Space and Recreation Plan – Lou Caruso provided a summary of the virtual meeting he and Rich Conklin attended with Barbara Davis of The Land Conservancy. The current Open Space and Recreation Plan will be reviewed and recommendations made. Data from the Tax Assessor will be collected to complete an accurate set of maps and recommendations for the Open Space Element.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: None

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

ADJOURNMENT: Rich Conklin motioned to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Peg Phillips. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty DeClesis, Secretary
Open Space Advisory Committee

Date Approved: June 3, 2026