

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

Members Present: Louis Caruso, Richard Conklin, Gladys Golder, and Jennifer Russ

Members Absent: Daniel Conkling, John Lynch, and Paul Nusbaum

A motion was made by Jennifer Russ to excuse the absent members; Seconded by Gladys Golder. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Also Present: Patty DeClesis, Open Space Committee Secretary

MINUTES:

Approval of minutes of August 2, 2017

Motion to approve minutes of August 2, 2017, was made by Richard Conklin, seconded by Jennifer Russ. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Status and Update - County Connector Trail:

Kiosk – Louis Caruso stated that a Boy Scout has offered to construct a kiosk at the entrance of the trail as his Eagle Scout project. He is currently obtaining the appropriate approvals in order to proceed with construction.

Surface of Trail - Richard Conklin reviewed different surface and price information he obtained. He suggested having the Road Department pick up a sample of each surface type to roll out onto the trail to determine how each holds up to weather, etc. The Committee is in agreement.

Right of Way - Louis Caruso looked into the right of way along Kennedy Road near the Western Hills Christian Church property. A portion of the property contains a drainage easement. The Township would need to approach the church and ask for an easement in order to allow access, which would join the trail to Allamuchy.

Linda Glosinski stated she spoke with Mr. Josh to explain the Township's intent to connect the trail to the State portion near the tunnel on Airport Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

Block 6, Lot 1.08 - Linda Glosinski stated that she was contacted by the family of the owner of this property looking to sell to the Township for open space. Linda explained this property is very constrained and does not adjoin any other open space properties. The Committee briefly discussed, however not in favor of purchasing this property.

COMMENTS FROM THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS and/or QUESTIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Richard Conklin to enter Executive Session; seconded by Jennifer Russ. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made at 7:59 p.m. by Richard Conklin to return to Public Session; seconded by Jennifer Russ. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. was made by Jennifer Russ, seconded by Gladys Golder. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty DeClesis, Secretary



Date Approved