

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

Chairman Caruso called the October 6, 2021, Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 7:02 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, Gladys Golder, John Lynch, and William "Bob" Olivier

Members Absent: Daniel Conkling and Stephen Slota

Also Present: Patty DeClesis, Open Space Secretary

Mr. Lynch motioned to excuse the absent members.

Seconded: Mr. Conklin

Discussion: None

All were in favor.

**MINUTES:**

1. Approval of Regular Session Minutes of June 2, 2021

Motion to approve minutes of June 2 2021, regular session was made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Lynch. No discussion. All were in favor, with abstention from Mr. Olivier. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Extension of County Connector Trail Update - Mr. Caruso explained that home and septic inspections were done on the house that the Township was potentially looking to purchase in order to extend the trail across Kennedy Road to Warren County. There were minor issues with the septic however there are major issues with the home that would need to be fixed. The Township offered the property owners more money to purchase the trail however they are not interested in the subdivision of the property. Mr. Caruso stated that other options will be considered.

Mr. Caruso stated that the trail extension from Creek Road to Airport Road has been cleared and the qp will be put down. Mr. Caruso explained the County states the trail crossing across Airport Road is too large. The trail will run along Airport Road then cross Airport Road to shorten the distance crossing Airport Road.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Sussex County Trails Grant Program - Mr. Caruso explained that there is an opportunity to apply for a grant from the Sussex County Department of Engineering and Planning. Linda Glosinski of the Land Conservancy reviewed the project requirements and determined that the trail must be permanently preserved. The County Connector Trail is not preserved at this time. The Committee discussed whether the trail should be preserved. The Committee will recommend to the Township Committee to start the process to preserve the trail so that in the future these grant applications can be applied for.


**COMMENTS FROM THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Conklin recommended the weeds on either side of the trail be sprayed.


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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Conklin motioned to adjourn at 7:42 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Golder. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Patty DeClesis, Secretary

  
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Date Approved