

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

Mr. Caruso called the June 4, 2025, Open Space Advisory Committee Regular Meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE: Lou Caruso read the statement of adequate 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, William "Bob" Olivier, Margaret "Peg" Phillips, and Stephen Slota

Also Present: Patty DeClesis, Open Space Secretary

Members Absent: Gladys Golder and John Lynch

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

REAPPOINTMENT: Oath of Office – Richard Conklin

The Oath of Office was administered to Richard Conklin

MINUTES:

1. Approval of meeting minutes regular session of February 26, 2025

Motion to approve minutes of February 26, 2025, was made by Peg Phillips, seconded by Steve Slota. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Lou explained that at the last Open Space Committee meeting, a discussion ensued regarding a property that was for sale on the corner of Decker Pond Road and Airport Road. The consensus of the Open Space Committee was not to pursue the property. The Township Committee decided to make an offer on the property. Currently, there has been no follow-up. The Committee is concerned about the proper use of open space funds and the future of the trust fund.

There has been no communication with the owner of the office building.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

Peg Phillips explained that the Township Committee is considering the use of open space funds for improvements and upgrades to EverGreen Park. The code allows for up to 30% of the

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balance of the fund as of January 1 of each year can be utilized for construction and maintenance costs of open space properties.

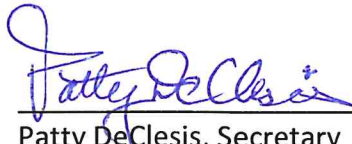
PUBLIC COMMENTS and/or QUESTIONS: No public members were present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Peg Phillips motioned to adjourn at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Rich Conklin. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty DeClesis, Secretary
Open Space Advisory Committee

Date Approved: October 1, 2025