

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 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.

OATH OF OFFICE: The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. John Lynch.

ROLL CALL: Louis Caruso, Richard Conklin, Daniel Conkling, Gladys Golder, John Lynch, Paul Nusbaum, and Jennifer Russ

Members Present: Louis Caruso, Richard Conklin (arrived late), Daniel Conkling, Gladys Golder, John Lynch, Paul Nusbaum and Jennifer Russ

Also Present: Patty DeClesis, Open Space Committee Secretary; and Charlie Fineran, Allamuchy Open Space Committee

MINUTES:

Approval of minutes of June 7, 2017

Motion to approve minutes of June 7, 2017, was made by Jennifer Russ, seconded by Daniel Conkling. No discussion. All Ayes with an abstentions from John Lynch. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Status and Update - County Connector Trail - Mr. Caruso stated that the Township Committee has authorized the Open Space Committee to choose the appropriate surface for the trail. The Committee discussed different types of surfaces and agreed that the surface should be similar to the adjoining towns. Richard Conklin and Jennifer Russ agreed to research various trail surfaces and report back to the Open Space Committee.

The Committee also discussed appropriate signage such as no trespassing, no motorized vehicles permitted on the trail. The Township Attorney and Risk Manager will need to review and approve the appropriate verbiage for the sign.

It was recommended to add information on the website that the trail is in progress. The first phase has been completed. The ultimate goal is to connect the trail on both ends, Warren County to Kittatiny State Park.

Linda Glosinski suggested having a kiosk at the entrance of the trail. It would be a great project for a Boy Scout looking for an Eagle Scout project. Patty DeClesis will contact the Boy Scouts to see if there is any interest.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: Mr. Caruso stated that Township Clerk/Administrator and the DPW Superintendent met and surveyed the property behind the Tranquility Post Office and parking issues that came to the Township's attention. The Township will include signage.

Mr. Caruso informed the Committee that the Township Committee adopted an Ordinance to add a referendum to the November General Election ballot requesting 3% of the open space funds be used for maintenance of open space properties.

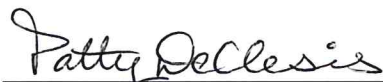
PUBLIC COMMENTS and/or QUESTIONS: Mrs. Jennie Eisenmenger, 28 Municipal Road, commented that putting information on the website is great idea so that residents know the trail is not completed.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. was made by Jennifer Russ, seconded by Daniel Conkling. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty DeClesis, Secretary



Date Approved