

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2016, 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, Daniel Conkling, Paul Nusbaum, Gladys Golder, and Jennifer Russ

Members Present: Louis Caruso, Daniel Conkling, Gladys Golder, Jennifer Russ, and Patty DeClesis (Member and Secretary)

Also present: Linda Glosinski, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey

Members Absent: Paul Nusbaum

REORGANIZATION:

1. Reappointments per Township of Green Resolution 2016-15 (attached).
2. Administer Oath of Office: Louis, Caruso, Gladys Golder, Daniel Conkling, Jennifer Russ and Patty DeClesis completed the Oath of Office.
3. Appoint Chairman: Daniel Conkling made a motion to nominate Louis Caruso as Chairman, seconded by Gladys Golder. No other nominations were made. All Ayes. Motion carried.
4. Appoint Vice Chairperson: Daniel Conkling made a motion to nominate Gladys Golder as Vice Chairperson, seconded by Louis Caruso. No other nominations were made. All Ayes. Motion carried.
5. Approve meeting dates for 2016: The Open Space Secretary, Patty DeClesis, asked if the Committee would agree to move the May meeting to the second Wednesday as opposed to the first Wednesday. The Committee agreed and approved the following meeting dates for 2016:

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| February 3 | June 1 |
| March 2 | October 5 |
| April 6 | November 2 |
| May 11* | December 7 |

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes of December 2, 2015
Motion to approve minutes of December 2, 2015, was made by Daniel Conkling, seconded by Gladys Golder. No discussion. All Ayes with abstentions from Jennifer Russ and Patty DeClesis. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Sussex County to Warren County Rails to Trails – Mr. Caruso informed the Committee that he tried to speak to the owner of the property where the tunnel is located off Airport Road. The

property owner stated that he did not want anyone on his property. Mr. Caruso will continue to look at with Linda Glosinski of the Land Conservancy.

2. Property off Wolf's Corner Road – Block 18, Lot 98 - Mr. Caruso noted that the property owner contacted the Land Conservancy to see if the Township would be interested in purchasing this property for preservation. At the last meeting, the Open Space Committee recommended the Township Committee have the Township Planner look at the property to determine what the property can be used for. Mrs. Peralta, Township Clerk/Administrator informed Mr. Caruso that this property has been identified as a COAH project. Ms. Glosinski stated that if that is the case, open space dollars cannot be spent on the property. After a brief discussion, the Committee agreed to walk the property to get a better idea. The Committee agreed to meet on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 3:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Linda Glosinski mentioned that Mr. Carretta is moving forward with farmland preservation. SADC will make their final decision shortly.
2. There have been no responses the outreach letters sent by the Land Conservancy.

COMMENTS FROM THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS and/or QUESTIONS: None

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Daniel Conkling, seconded by Gladys Golder. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty DeClesis, Secretary



Date Approved