

**MINUTES**  
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**  
**March 5, 2012**

The Meeting of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Leonard Fritz at 7:00PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex. Chairperson Leonard Fritz led the Committee in the salute to our flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Jerry Carey, Fred Akers, John Daraklis, Leonard Fritz, Shawn Massey, Matthew Scardino

Excused: Chuck McGlynn, Elaine Moore-Wright, and Councilman Bill Sebastian

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes for February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, and John 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All the members were in favor and none were opposed and the minutes were approved.

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Liaison, Bill Sebastian – Bill was not present so there was nothing to report.

Environmental Commission – Matt said that they are doing an Arbor Day Proclamation that is required for Tree City USA.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Shawn stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will take place on March 31<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of April 7<sup>th</sup>. The Main Street Music Festival will be June 2<sup>nd</sup> with a rain date of June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He also said at the last meeting they were informed that the nature trail is close to being completed.

Planning Board – No member has been appointed to date.

Zoning Board of Adjustment – Len stated that there has not been much going on. They had one subdivision and one solar panel variance.

**GUESTS**

Michael G. Kretschmer, Chairperson of Economic Development came to talk to the members about the Call to Service Forum that will be held at the Monroe Township Library March 8<sup>th</sup>. He stated that 9 people filled out forms last year and all 9 were appointed. He said that they will be doing a lesson how to put together a proposal for council.

He also spoke briefly about the Williamstown Post Masters Group which meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. He said that they practice public speaking and help create leaders. He also talked about the Economic Development Commission, and stated that they meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month.

Mr. Kretschmer talked about a developer that approached the Gloucester County Economic Development Committee for a proposal of a property that borders the field at the corner of Corkery Lane and Blue Bell Road. Len advised him to have the developer contact the Zoning Office or Planning/Zoning Board.

There was a discussion about Open Space and its purposes and procedures. The committee thanked Mr. Kretschmer for attending the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business discussed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Jerry presented the committee members with his chart of the comparison of Open Space Municipal Ordinances. The members went through each section and discussed the differences and similarities.

**(A copy of this chart will be posted on the Township website once the minutes are approved)**

Len asked Fred what the status was on his program that he was working on and Fred said that he may have a report for the committee next meeting.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

There was nothing discussed at this time.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

There were no members of the public present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Leonard Fritz asked for a motion to adjourn. Matt made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of February 6<sup>th</sup> 2012. The motion was seconded by John; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee will be on April 2, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Park, Secretary

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of March 5, 2012 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.*

Approved as submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved as corrected \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_