

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 2nd 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 6th meeting, and John 2nd 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 31st with a rain date of April 7th. The Main Street Music Festival will be June 2nd with a rain date of June 3rd. 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 8th. 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 1st and 3rd 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 3rd 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 6th 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 _____
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