

**MINUTES**  
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**  
**January 14, 2013**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Leonard Fritz at 7:03PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex. The meeting date had to be changed due to the Council's Reorganization meeting.

Chairperson Leonard Fritz led the Committee in the salute to our flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Jerry Carey, John Daraklis, Chuck McGlynn, Leonard Fritz, Shawn Massey,

Excused: Cncl. Ron Garbowski, and Elaine Moore-Wright

**APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman – Jerry made a motion to nominate Len Fritz as the Chairman and Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination; no one else had any nominations. All the members were in favor of Len Fritz being the Chairman and none were opposed. Len Fritz is the Chairman for 2013.

Vice-Chairman – Shawn made a motion to nominate Jerry Carey as the Vice-Chairman, the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck. All the members were in favor Jerry being Vice-Chairman and none were opposed. Jerry is the Vice-Chairman for 2013.

Secretary – Len made a nomination for Tara Park as the Secretary, Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination; no one else had any nominations. All the members were in favor of Tara Park being the Secretary and none were opposed. Tara Park is the Secretary for 2013.

**SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Council Liaison – Councilman Sebastian will no longer be the liaison, it will now be Cncl. Ron Garbowski.

Environmental Commission – Matt will no longer be the liaison, Shawn will perform the duties of liaison.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Shawn Massey will continue to be a liaison to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Planning Board – No member has been appointed to date.

Zoning Board of Adjustment – Len will continue to be the liaison.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There are open seats on the Commission for one Land Trust Member and Two Alternate seats. Len has reached out to quite a few agencies and people and he hasn't heard anything back yet from any interested parties. There

was a question if this Land Trust Member could be a builder and Len said they must be a member of a Land Trust Organization. Shawn asked what a Land Trust Organization is and Len gave an example of South Jersey Land & Water Trust whose mission is to preserve and protect the water resources and land within the watersheds of southern New Jersey through public education, advocacy, increased scientific understanding, and habitat preservation (taken from their website). Len said that Fred will still be in contact and be able to help the Commission with mapping. Len said that there should be something with the district maps for the Commission to take home and look over, and then he would like the members to come back with any comments or questions at the meeting after they are received.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Shawn made a motion to approve the minutes for December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 meeting, and John 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All the members were in favor and none were opposed and the minutes were approved.

Len went over the meeting dates for 2013 and stated the meeting dates are as follows:

February 4  
March 4  
April 8  
May 6  
June 3  
July 1  
August 5  
September 9  
October 7  
November 4  
December 2

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jerry presented the members of his Municipal Ordinance Summary, and went over it with the members. (Summary will be on Township Website)

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Shawn asked if anyone had seen the report in reference to when the State was going to stop purchasing Open Space. Len said that he knew Gloucester County had reached its goal by purchasing farms in East Greenwich, Woolwich and, Jerry added, along Duffield's in Sewell.

Len said that he would like to reach out to the DVRPC and Ken Atkinson at Gloucester County Land Preservation to have them attend a meeting to provide information to the Commission members.

Len said that he was thinking the Commission members could attend a Township event to tell residents what OSAC is about and he asked Shawn to keep them posted when the Environmental Commission might do this, like they have in the past. Len was thinking of events like Main Street Festival and Williamstown Day at Tall Pines, and asked the members to let the Commission know if there are any events that they hear about in the future.

Len stated that he will be asking Jeff Coles, the Township CFO, for the report of OSAC/P&R funds quarterly.

There was a discussion about plans for involvement in Open Space acquisition this year.

Shawn asked if the open seats were being advertised and Len stated that if anyone seems interested to invite them to a meeting, and fill out a citizen leadership form and submit it to the Township Clerk.

**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. Shawn made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of January 14<sup>th</sup> 2013. The motion was seconded by John; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee will be on February 4, 2013.

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 January 14, 2013 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.*

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