

MONROE TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 3rd, 2016

Leonard Fritz, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Monroe Township OSAC to order @ 7:00 pm. Notice of the meeting was given pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act. Written notice was sent to two newspapers, the South Jersey Times and the Courier Post. A copy of the written notice was given to the Township Clerk and posted on the bulletin board.

Salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Leonard Fritz, Jerry Carey, Rob Toomer, Patrick McDevitt, Brent Salvadori

Absent: John Daraklis, Chuck McGlynn and Cncl. Rich DiLucia.

LIASON REPORTS

COUNCIL - Cncl. Rich DiLucia was not present.

PARKS & RECREATION - Brent Salvadori said that the Fall Festival and Halloween Parade will be held on October 22nd.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – Katherine from ARH went over the Multi-Modal Transportation plan at the last meeting and Jerry and Len attended. Len said that the OSAC was mentioned with credit for input and Len said that there was not much if any by the OSAC but it is probably too late to address.

There was also a discussion about the Proposed Bike Path Extension down Blue Bell Road to Sunset Avenue, and the members discussed their opinions.

PLANNING BOARD – Nothing to report.

ZONING BOARD - Len and Brent both said that there was nothing OS related.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT: No report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

PUBLIC PORTION

Brent made a motion to open to the public and Jerry 2nd the motion, with no one from the public present, Jerry made a motion to close to the public and Brent 2nd the motion.

OPEN DISCUSSION

There was a discussion about the status of the Recommendations presented to Council, and Len said that there has been no movement. Len said that he had heard that the Administration is not interested in Open Space purchases at this time.

Len also mentioned the Resolution put in place a few years ago, allocating 20% of OS funds only for purchasing Open Space. Len recommended that the members vote on raising that to 40%. Jerry made the motion to approve contacting Township Solicitor Chuck Fiore to draw up a resolution increasing the amount allocated solely to the purchasing of Open Space to 40% of all Open Space Funds collected by property tax payments. Brent second the motion, and all were in favor. Len said that he would reach out to Chuck to draft up the Resolution.

The members had a discussion about a formal recommendation to include the OSAC in the Master Plan. Rob said that he has reached out to Cody, and said that they might want to get the Planner involved as well and communicate about what their goals are, everyone agreed and Rob said that he would reach out to the Planner.

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Len Fritz asked for a motion to adjourn. Brent made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township OSAC meeting of October 3, 2016 and it was seconded by Rob. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Park

Secretary

These minutes are an extract from the meeting that was held on the above date and are not a verbatim account or to be construed as an official transcript of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____

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