

MONROE TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 2nd 2015

Leonard Fritz, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Monroe Township OSAC to order @ 7:00pm. 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.

Salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Leonard Fritz, Jerry Carey, Chuck McGlynn, John Daraklis and Cncl. Rich DiLucia.

Absent: Christina Capate

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Len asked if everyone reviewed the minutes from the February 2nd meeting, all members confirmed they did. Jerry made the motion and Len second the motion. All of the members were in favor and none were opposed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Council: Cncl. DiLucia stated that the ordinance to hold 20% of Open Space funds for purchasing was passed at the last Council Meeting. Len asked if there was any update on the land acquisition and Cncl. DiLucia said not that he is aware of. Cncl. DiLucia also mentioned the new Vacant/Abandoned Property Ordinance that was passed. Len asked if there was any talk of the Master Plan being re-evaluated and Cncl. DiLucia said that he is not aware of any. Jerry asked the status of the dog park, and Cncl. DiLucia said that they have applied for a grant with Green Acres. He said the park will be located by Owen's Park off Clayton Rd, also known as the Genova Property.

Parks & Recreations: There is currently no liaison.

Environmental Commission: There is currently no liaison.

Planning Board: Zoning Board: Len had nothing to report related to Open Space.

OPEN DISCUSSION

There was a discussion about the farm near the airport that is harvesting hops, as well as the potential for the microbrewery on Main Street. Cncl. DiLucia also brought up that he read prior to the meeting that there is a new proposed bill to allow restaurants (not chains) without a bar or liquor license to serve alcohol.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

PUBLIC PORTION

John asked for a motion to open the meeting the public and Jerry second the motion and all were in favor and the meeting was opened to the public. Patrick McDevitt of the Environmental Commission introduced himself and gave some of his background information and details and handouts about current projects to the members. He mentioned that he is interested in becoming the liaison and thanked the Commission for their time. At this point the public portion was closed.

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Len Fritz asked for a motion to adjourn. Jerry made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township OSAC meeting of March 2nd it was seconded by Chuck. 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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