

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
May 7, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Leonard Fritz at 7:00pm in the 2nd Floor Joe Pace Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex. Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Ty Cossaboon, Leonard Fritz, Brent Salvadori, Robert Toomer

Excused: Chuck McGlynn, Cncl. Cody Miller

Len confirmed that everyone was copied on the response from Cncl. Miller with regards that he would not be in attendance at the meeting, however, that he does want to have a meeting. He is working on purchasing the property on Tuckahoe Road right next to the High School entrance. Cncl. Miller knows this is top priority for us and he is making it top priority to the Council and when he has all of the information he will present it to the Committee, hopefully, at the next scheduled Open Space Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Len asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2018 meeting. Brent Salvadori made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of April 9, 2018. The motion was seconded by Rob Toomer and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Brent Salvadori made a motion to open the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Ty Cossaboon and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance. With no one from the public present and/or wishing to speak, Brent Salvadori made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Ty Cossaboon and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Len advised the committee that he didn't complete his homework with regards to the Ordinances that he was going to have done for the Committee's review. Brent suggested that maybe with Cncl. Miller possibly coming to the next OSAC meeting on June 4, 2018 that would give Len more time to complete it and it could be discussed with Cncl. Miller at that time.

Len informed the members that he received a request from Patrick McDevitt of Sustainable Monroe asking for a Letter of Support for a project they have the opportunity to be a part of with Fred Akers and the Great Egg Harbor River Council and Watershed Association. Patrick is asking for an endorsement from the Committee and the mayor. Len advised the members that he worked with Jenn to put together a letter from the Committee showing our endorsement. Len asked the members to read the letter and sign it

along with himself, Chairperson, showing support from the committee. Patrick has managed to get project funding to have the Pfeiffer Community Center basin retro fitted as a test to see what works here in town and also kick off some other studies using some students from Rutgers University. We will be able to use this basin retro-fitting as an example for future projects, it will be a win/win for everybody involved. While the members were reading the letter, Len let everyone know that Dir. of Public Works, Mike Calvello, Dir. of Comm. Dev./Code Enf., Rosemary Flaherty, ARH, the township engineer, and himself have been talking and are in the process of getting together a list of all of the basins that are in the township and are prioritizing them. Once this list is complete it will be given to the Committee for review.

Rob stated that he attended the last Sustainable Monroe meeting and their big push right now is the Habitat for the Monarch Butterflies. Len said the Mayor also wants to get involved with this project and there is funding out there for it. This habitat goes right along with the retro-fitting of the basins as well, because this will attract the natural species of animal life/wildlife. It will bring nature back to the area, instead of being fenced off and chasing the wildlife away.

Brent suggested the members attend the Music Festival on June 2nd. He also said the Arts Festival reminded him of the old Main Street Festival and it seemed to be a very good turnout.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Leonard Fritz asked for a motion to adjourn. Brent Salvadori made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of May 7, 2018. The motion was seconded by Ty Cossaboon and unanimously all in favor by all members of the Commission in attendance. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Harbison, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee meeting is Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of May 7, 2018 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____
Approved as corrected _____ Date _____