

**MINUTES  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
June 4, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Leonard Fritz at 7:20pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Robert Toomer

Excused: Chuck McGlynn, Brent Salvadori, Cncl. Cody Miller

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Len Fritz asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2018 meeting. Rob Toomer made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of May 7, 2018. The motion was seconded by Ty Cossaboon and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

**GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Rob Toomer 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, Ty Cossaboon made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Rob Toomer and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

Len advised the Committee that Patrick McDevitt, Fred Aikers from Sustainable Monroe and Cncl. Miller all asked to be excused for tonight's meeting due to prior engagements.

Len discussed with the members that he had talked to Cncl. Miller regarding the Open Space purchasing specifically with regards to the property on Tuckahoe Road next to the Williamstown High School. Apparently, the Township miscalculated their time frame and has just received another extension of a year. Len also spoke with Cncl. Heffner and at the last Planning Board meeting the builders told the Township that they will consider giving us more of the open space that we are looking for, however, the caveat is that they want to put townhouses in instead of single family homes. The shared opinion of the Committee, Cncl. Heffner and Cncl. Miller, is that townhouses would be very much out of place on Tuckahoe Road. Rob questioned if that area is zoned for townhouses and said that the traffic on Tuckahoe Road would become more of a nightmare than it already is.

Len suggested to the Committee, that with the Tuckahoe Road project being pushed back due to the extension, the Commission will need to re-evaluate their yearly Priority List, taking the Tuckahoe Road project out of the number one spot. He suggested that the Committee think about bringing the extension

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS** (cont'd)

of the bike trails back up to the number one spot. The bike trail ends here in town with the blockade for extension being the Black Horse Pike, leaving Williamstown the disconnect. Len saw that Clearview just completed an under the road tunnel in order to connect their high school to their athletic fields, which are across the street. This is an idea that we need to start researching for Williamstown that may help close that disconnect. We need to think about the rest of our list and how we want to prioritize it.

Len asked if anyone had read the article in the Williamstown Sun Newspaper stated that Monroe Township has received \$270,000 in grant money. He questioned what the grant money is designated for and who applied for this grant.

Brent was not present to report on the Music Fest. Len, Rob and Ty did not make it to the Music Fest, because of the weather. The next event for the township is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.

Len asked Jenn to help him complete his Ordinance Homework and she is going to red line the ordinance for everyone's review for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be July 2, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Leonard Fritz asked for a motion to adjourn. Rob Toomer made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of June 4, 2018. The motion was seconded by Ty Cossaboon and unanimously all in favor by all members of the Committee in attendance. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Harbison, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee meeting is Monday, July 2, 2018 at 7:00pm.

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of June 4, 2018 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.*

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