

MONROE TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 3, 2013

Leonard Fritz, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Monroe Township OSAC to order @ 7:05pm. 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, John Daraklis, Elaine Moore-Wright, and Cncl. Ron Garbowski.

Absent: Chuck McGlynn, and Shawn Massey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Len asked if everyone reviewed the minutes from the May 6th meeting, all members confirmed they did. John made the motion and Jerry second the motion. All of the members were in favor and none were opposed.

REPORTS

Council: Cncl. Garbowski had nothing to report.

Parks & Recreations: Shawn was not present so there was nothing to report.

Environmental Commission: Shawn was not present so there was nothing to report.

Planning Board: There have been no appointments for the Planning Board as of yet.

Zoning Board: Len had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Len asked the members if they reviewed the maps that had been given by Fred Akers and asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns.

- Jerry recommended looking at District 6 or 26 due to the ability to expand existing Open Space.
- Len wants to ask Fred how easily the maps can be updated when there are changes or discrepancies.
- Len suggested looking in the area that the Township would like to connect the Senner property to the Genova property through the Fera property. Also, he recommended looking into areas that border Winslow Township since there is a lot of future development planned there.
- Jerry suggested looking into areas that are not in the Pinelands (30% of the Township is not in Pinelands).
- Jerry recommended speaking with neighboring Open Space Committees to see if they have any plans in the future to look at any adjoining property in Monroe Township so they can possibly connect, the municipalities by county are as follows:
 - Gloucester –
 - Clayton
 - Washington Township
 - Glassboro
 - Franklin Township
 - Camden –
 - Winslow
 - Gloucester Township
 - Atlantic –
 - Buena
 - Folsom

Councilman Garbowski asked if there was a list of Open Space anywhere, and Len informed him and the Committee that Tara recently compiled a list from the State Tax Assessor website that are Township owned and Open Space designated. Councilman Garbowski asked if Len could email this list to him. Jerry asked what the QFARM designation was for and Len explained that was for farm land tax assessments.

Councilman Garbowski mentioned that at a recent Council meeting there was a discussion about taking 5 acres of the Genova property and exchanging that Open Space with land at the Petri-Kurek (corner of Blue Bell and Malaga Rd) property that totals 15 acres. He said the 5 acres at the Genova property will be developed in the future as a Recreational Building and Facilities. Councilman Garbowski explained different approvals, readings, and presentations that would need to be done in order to complete the approval process for this land.

Len discussed with the Committee upcoming applications for the Zoning Board and the locations of these areas in the Township.

There was a discussion about the website, and contact information listed on it. The members discussed how they could update the information and brainstormed what they could put on there. Councilman Garbowski mentioned the Economic Development Committee just did something with a website and recommend Len speak with someone on that Committee.

OPEN DISCUSSION

There was nothing discussed.

PUBLIC PORTION

John made a motion to open the meeting to the public that motion was 2nd by Elaine, all members were in favor, and there was no one from the public present. John made a motion to close the meeting to the public, the motion was 2nd by Jerry and all were in favor and none were opposed. The meeting was closed to the public.

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Len Fritz asked for a motion to adjourn. John made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township OSAC meeting of June 3, 2013 and it was seconded by Elaine. 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 _____
Approved as corrected _____ Date _____