

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
September 10, 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: Leonard Fritz, Brent Salvadori and Robert Toomer

Excused: Ty Cossaboon, Chuck McGlynn and Cncl. Cody Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Len Fritz asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2018 meeting. Brent Salvadori made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of August 6, 2018. The motion was seconded by Robert 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 Robert Toomer 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 Robert Toomer and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Len advised that he has spoken with Patrick McDevitt in regards to the Sustainable Monroe Project and there seems to be a bit of a hold up on the project, dealing with forms and funding, however, they assume everything will get moving by the end of the year. Patrick will let Len know once everything is rolling forward.

Len said that he has been working on the changes and recommendations to the ordinance. There was some discussion about the need to rework the open space requirements especially with regards to the tot lots. Len suggested cutting down the requirements, taking away the chart and making it more usable open space / passive recreation that would include a path and/or walking trails instead of the tot lots. The open space should be connected throughout the developments and be something that everyone in the community can have access to use. Brent feels that one of the biggest issues in our town is that of enforcement and that we need to make note that everyone from the community is allowed to use these paths and trails not just the residents who live in those particular developments;

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

Rob agreed. Rob questioned who is going to maintain these paths and trails. Len said that since the paths and trails would be left natural, like the bike trail, it will be easier to maintain and that the township would take care of the maintenance. Len expressed the need to get the ordinance changes and recommendations done and submitted for approval before the end of this year as there are a few steps that need to be followed before final approval can be given.

Brent reported for Parks & Recreation that the Music Fest in June was rained out. The Halloween parade is coming up on October 20, 2018.

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 September 10, 2018. The motion was seconded by Robert Toomer and unanimously all in favor by all members of the Committee in attendance. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Harbison, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee meeting is Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of September 10, 2018 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____

Approved as corrected _____ Date _____