

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
October 1, 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, Ty Cossaboon, Brent Salvadori and Robert Toomer

Excused: Chuck McGlynn and Cncl. Cody Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Len Fritz asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2018 meeting. Brent Salvadori made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of September 10, 2018. The motion was seconded by Ty Cossaboon 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, Ty Cossaboon made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Brent Salvadori and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

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Len advised that he hasn't spoken with Patrick McDevitt in regards to the Sustainable Monroe Project, so he is assuming that no news is the same news.

Len has spoken with Cncl. Miller and Cncl. Miller advised that he is still working on the issues that have been previously discussed. Cncl. Miller confirmed that the township is pushing to do away with recreational facilities such as the tot lots with any new subdivisions.

Len stated that he has finished the revisions to the Ordinance changes with the exception of the last part where the chart and requirements are listed. Len referred to RSIS (Residential Site Improvement Standards), stating it is a statewide development standard that works as a guide book for most zoning ordinances that may have gaps or confusion, it allows the developer to standardize the ordinances. He and Brent stated that it has come before them recently while serving on the zoning board, where developers referred to RSIS and wanted to put small city lots in the middle of

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farmland. Len said that he was very outspoken telling the developers no, per our ordinances our township is not a city situation, our township is still country and we want it to stay country. He stated that we need to hold on to that country feel and not allow the small city lots.

There was more discussion about the need to streamline the ordinance so that it reflects our goal of keeping the country feel and preserving more of the open space. Brent talked about the need to add more walking paths and trails instead of tot lots, and stressed that these paths and trails need to be accessible to the entire community and have the possibility to be able to tie into other existing trails and paths in the future. Len asked for everyone to do some more research and reach out to him within the week so that he can wrap up revisions and submit it to the Ordinance Committee.

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 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Harbison, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee meeting is Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of October 1, 2018 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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