

**MINUTES  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
June 3, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Leonard Fritz at 7:00pm 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: Carolann Fox, Leonard Fritz, Jonathan Garbowski, Brent Salvadori, Tracy Lavin

Absent: Veronica Adepeju, Autumn Baidouri, Ty Cossaboon, Chuck McGlynn, Ryan Rebozo and Cncl. Pat O'Reilly

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Len Fritz asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2019 meeting. Brent Salvadori made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of May 6, 2019. The motion was seconded by Carolann Fox and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

- **Approval by Council – Open Space Ordinance Changes**

Len advised, after years of hard work the updated Open Space Ordinance has been approved and copies of the updated, signed Ordinance were distributed to all members for their review.

- **Funding and Actions**

Len stated, June is the month that a lot of big funding applications are due. He will reach out to Cncl. O'Reilly to find out if the Township's grant writer has anything for the Committee.

- **Liaison Reports**

Parks & Recreation Commission – Brent reported that the Music Fest was a spectacular event. Their next event scheduled is the Harvest Fest and Halloween parade.

Planning Board – Jon reported, at the present time there are no real updates that relate to Open Space.

Zoning Board – Len reported, currently there is nothing significant happening that relates to Open Space.

• **Ideas For Trails New And Existing**

Len advised the Committee that Council has reached out to him about the possibility of developing a new trail at the Mary Mazza Duffy Park, to go around the entire park. They feel this trail will be very beneficial to all of the families whose children utilize the park for various sports practices. They asked if the Committee would like to see anything else developed besides just a trail and for their ideas of what type of trail. Should the trail be a pedestrian trail, a combination pedestrian/jogging trail or a combination jogging/pedestrian/bicycle trail? Brent asked if the trail would have to be developed as a boardwalk trail since that area is considered mostly wetlands. Len said, the materials going through the wetlands area will be dictated by how much of the wetlands would actually have the trail in. The trail will come out toward Clayton Road and Corkery Lane. He thinks it will be around the perimeter of the park and it will not come all the way out to the road, as that becomes a safety hazard. Jon spoke regarding the park at Camden County College, where they have trails for walking, running and mountain biking. He said, some of that area is wetlands also and depending on much we can do trail wise at Mary Mazza Duffy Park, he suggested leaning towards something similar to the park at Camden County College. A discussion followed regarding the Committee's thoughts and ideas of what could be done along the trail.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Tracy asked about previous grants and if any of them were renewable. Len advised that to his knowledge, Open Space has only received two grants previously and neither of which were renewable.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Leonard Fritz asked for a motion to adjourn. Jon Garbowski made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of June 3, 2019. The motion was seconded by Carolann Fox and unanimously all in favor by all members of the Commission. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Harbison, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee meeting is Monday, July 1, 2019 at 7:00pm.

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of June 3, 2019 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.*

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