

**MINUTES  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
July 1, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Leonard Fritz at 7:06pm 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: Autumn Baidouri, Carolann Fox, Leonard Fritz, Jonathan Garbowski, Chuck McGlynn, Tracy Lavin and Cncl. Pat O'Reilly

Absent: Veronica Adepeju, Ty Cossaboon, Ryan Rebozo and Brent Salvadori

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Len Fritz asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2019 meeting. Jonathan Garbowski made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of June 3, 2019. The motion was seconded by Carolann Fox and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

- **Council Correspondence and Reports**

Cncl. O'Reilly reported that he and Len will be meeting with the County Business Administrator, Eric Campo and the Open Space/Green Acres liaison, Eric Ackren, to present the proposed trail "loop" design. Cncl. O'Reilly said, he will touch base with the Township's Grant Writer to go over what is out there and available pertaining to Open Space.

There was a discussion among the members regarding what would qualify for a grant in regards to active farm land relating to Open Space.

- **Liaison Reports**

Environmental – Len stated, he spoke with Chairman, Ryan Rebozo and he advised that there is not anything new to report except that they are very busy with discussions and activities.

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

- **Ideas For Trails New And Existing**

Len spoke about the design of the trail "loop" and the existing "rail trail". He said, some of the important things that he feels are needed at these trails are: signs at the cross ways, signs around town to help advertise the trails, parking lots for people to be able to park their cars to start riding their bikes and benches to be able

to rest. The members talked about also having water stops, lighting, trash cans and bathrooms along the trails. Jon talked about the options available for having bathrooms and running water stations installed along the trails. Tracy suggested polling the residents on either the Township website or Social Media to find out what they would like to have along the trails.

Cncl. O'Reilly mentioned, he knows of a ¾ acre property on Sykes Lane that the Committee can purchase at a minimal cost to use as a parking lot for the bike trail. Len said, a repair station could also be added to lot, as well as public restrooms possibly in the future. A discussion followed among the members present about the possibilities of how the property can be used. Len polled the members of the Committee in attendance and all were in favor having Cncl. O'Reilly pursue the purchase of the property. Cncl. O'Reilly will speak with Council, the Business Administrator and the Tax Collector and draft a formal letter of interest to the owner of the property and report back at the next meeting.

Cncl. O'Reilly asked the Committee for their ideas regarding the prospective trail loop that Council would like to create around Mary Mazza Duffy Park. Len explained that Council would like to place a trail around the Mary Mazza Duffy Park, basically around the perimeter and not towards Corkery Lane because of the parking lot area and the traffic. Autumn suggested having the next meeting at Mary Mazza Duffy Park so that everyone can walk the area and have a better idea of the area to provide feedback on ideas to Council. All members present were in agreement to hold the August meeting at the Mary Mazza Duffy Park.

- **Social Media**

Len asked Autumn to create and manage a Facebook page for the Committee, to which she agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Leonard Fritz asked for a motion to adjourn. Autumn Baidouri made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of July 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Garbowski and unanimously all in favor by all members of the Commission. Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Harbison, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee meeting is Monday, August 5, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Pavilion at Mary Mazza Duffy Park.

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of July 1, 2019 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.*

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