

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
AUGUST 5, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Leonard Fritz at 7:02pm at the Pavilion at the Mary Mazza Duffy Park. 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: Ty Cossaboon, Carolann Fox, Leonard Fritz, Jonathan Garbowski, Tracy Lavin, Chuck McGlynn, Brent Salvadori and Cncl. Pat O'Reilly

Absent: Veronica Adepeju, Autumn Baidouri and Ryan Rebozo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Len Fritz asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2019 meeting. Brent Salvadori made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of July 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Jon Garbowski and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

- **Liaison Reports**

Cncl. O'Reilly reported that he and Len met with the County regarding the proposed "trail loop", saying that the County is supportive of their ideas as long as the Township pays for the entire project.

Cncl. O'Reilly advised that the offer letter was sent to the Sykes Lane property owner, offering back taxes plus \$500. He will advise once he receives a response.

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

Parks & Recreation – Brent reported that the Music Festival was a huge success and they are now in the process of getting ready for the Halloween Parade/Harvest Festival.

Planning Board – Jon reported, the builders of Morgan Landing have come before the board to discuss the possibility of creating cluster homes, which was turned down.

Cncl. O'Reilly mentioned, a couple potential new projects that will be coming before both the Planning Board and Zoning Board that will have a big impact with Open Space.

• Ideas For Trails New And Existing

Len spoke regarding the creation of a trail around Mary Duffy Park and he asked all of the members present for any ideas they may have. He said, he would like to keep the trail around the perimeter of the property, away from the road and the activity of the playground, playing fields and parking lot. A discussion followed among the members present regarding ideas of where to place the trail so that it does not interfere with the playing fields along with the types of materials they would like to see used to create the trail.

Cncl. O'Reilly mentioned that there are a lot of opportunities right now for the Open Space Advisory Committee to get involved in. He suggested finding one focus instead of trying to work on all of them at the same time. Len polled the members present to see if they were in favor of spending some money on having an engineer work on the designs of both trails, which all of the members in attendance were in favor.

Jon spoke about the cost of putting a bathroom at the property on Sykes Lane, once it is acquired, saying to put a high pressure pump type bathroom, it would cost approximately \$10,000. Cncl. O'Reilly stated that the Environmental Protection Commission would also like to be involved with the Sykes Lane property project once it is acquired. He suggested that the committee members work with both the Environmental Protection Commission and Sustainable Monroe on that project.

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 August 5, 2019. The motion was seconded by Chuck McGlynn and unanimously all in favor by all members of the Committee in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Harbison, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee meeting is Monday, September 9, 2019.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of August 5, 2019 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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