

**MINUTES  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
FEBRUARY 3, 20120**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Leonard Fritz at 7:11pm 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: Veronica Adepeju, Alan Dodd, Carolann Fox, Leonard Fritz, Jonathan Garbowski, Tracy Lavin, Brent Salvadori and Cncl. Pat O'Reilly.

Absent: Autumn Baidouri, Ty Cossaboon, Chuck McGlynn and Ryan Rebozo

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tracy Lavin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Reorganization Meeting of January 13, 2020. The motion was seconded by Carolann Fox and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

- **Liaison Reports**

Council – Cncl. O'Reilly updated the committee on the mixed use project on Route 322 and Fries Mill Road.

Planning Board – Jon reported, currently there is nothing significant happening that relates to Open Space. They just had their Reorganization Meeting and there is talk about beginning to work on the master plan.

Zoning Board - Len reported, currently there is nothing significant happening that relates to Open Space. He mentioned that Carolann has been appointed the Chairperson of the Zoning Board.

Parks and Recreation – Alan reported, they had their Reorganization Meeting where Donna Park was re-appointed as Chairperson and Matt Scardino was appointed as the Vice-Chairperson. They have set the dates for this years' events, April 4<sup>th</sup> is the Easter Egg Hunt, June 6<sup>th</sup> is the Music Festival, July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks, October 24<sup>th</sup> is the Fall Festival/Halloween Parade and December 5<sup>th</sup> is the Tree Lighting. Alan noted that their focus right now is the Easter Egg Hunt and mentioned they are always looking for volunteers to help with the events. A discussion followed regarding volunteering for events.

- **Funding and Actions**

Cncl. O'Reilly advised that Council has selected Triad Associates to continue the grant writing services for the Township.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Len brought Alan up to speed with all of the projects that the Open Space Advisory Committee have in the works. He spoke regarding the property on Sykes Lane that the Committee recently acquired to be used as a parking lot for the bike trail along with the Mary Mazza Duffy trail and the costs relating to these projects.

Len discussed the proposed mixed use project on Route 322 and Fries Mill Road and how it will involve the Committee. He believes the Committee's main focus this year should be consumed with the Sykes Lane property and the Mary Mazza Duffy Trail.

Cncl. O'Reilly noted that Triad has been advised to be on the lookout for every funding opportunity regarding trails, parks, pedestrian, walking, all of the purpose trails. He said, the Township is not able to receive any additional green acres money until we spend the money that was given for the dog park.

Alan asked if there has been any research done regarding having a walking bridge created as a way to continue the bike path and trails across the Black Horse Pike and the costs included with that. Len said, the cost of just the bridge from tower to tower, the approaches on both sides not including the land purchase or labor, just the materials alone would be close to \$1 Million. A discussion ensued regarding what a walking bridge project would include.

Len mentioned that he received a call from Larry DiVietro at Land Dimensions Engineering regarding a property mapping program that he is doing with some neighboring municipalities and he would like to attend our next meeting to present the program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Carolann Fox made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of February 3, 2020. The motion was seconded by Veronica Adepeju and unanimously all in favor by all members of the Commission in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Harbison, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee meeting is Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:00pm.

***These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Reorganization Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of February 3, 2020 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.***

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