

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
JULY 6, 2020**

By way of electronic communication/live streaming, the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 7:06 PM by Chairman, Leonard Fritz. Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Vice-Chairperson Carolann Fox led the Commission in the salute to our flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Veronica Adepeju, Autumn Baidouri, Alan Dodd, Carolann Fox, and Leonard Fritz

Absent: Ty Cossaboon, Jonathan Garbowski, Tracy Lavin, Ryan Rebozo, Brent Salvadori and Cncl. Pat O'Reilly

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Autumn Baidouri made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of March 2, 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**

Parks and Recreation – Alan reported, Parks and Recreation has only had one meeting since March, where they discussed cancelling the Easter Egg Hunt and the Music Festival. The remaining events for this year are on hold.

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

- **Funding**

Autumn stated that currently, there is nothing to report with regards to funding

- **Social Media**

Autumn stated, she was waiting to receive the completed press release for the Sykes Lane parking lot to be able to post it on the Committee's social media pages.

- **Trails – New and Existing**
 - **Sykes Lane Parking Lot**

Len reported that the building on Sykes Lane has been torn down and the site has been cleared by the Public Works Department and MMUA. Len noted, he has received some negative feedback about the parking lot from the residents. The Environmental Protection Commission and Sustainable Monroe have been reaching out to Len asking about the Committee's plan for the lot. Prior to the next scheduled meeting, Len would like the members to come up with a plan that shows the Open Space Advisory Committee's vision for the property.

Len reported, the Township's Engineer, Pennoni Associates, Inc. will be performing the engineering for the Committee to create a new trail that will cross over the Black Horse Pike. A preliminary application has been submitted to the NJDOT regarding bridging over the Black Horse Pike and once that feedback is returned, an

application will be submitted to DVRPC and the State for funding. A discussion followed regarding the prospective new trail.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Alan asked Len if he knew of the one hundred plus preserved acres in the Crystal Lakes area and what, if any plans the Township had for it. Len’s Zoom call was disconnected. Alan will follow up with Len through email.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Alan Dodd made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of July 6, 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, August 3, 2020 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Reorganization Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of July 6, 2020 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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