

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
JANUARY 11, 2021**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by the secretary, Jenn Harbison at 7:00pm. Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Jenn Harbison led the Commission in the salute to our flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Autumn Baidouri, Leonard Fritz, Jeffrey Graziano, Tracy Lavin, and Cncl. Carolann Fox.

Absent: Veronica Adepeju, Jonathan Garbowski, and Brent Salvadori

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Autumn Baidouri made a motion to open the floor for nominations for the 2021 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Open Space Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Graziano and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

Autumn Baidouri nominated Len Fritz as Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Tracy Lavin and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF LEONARD FRITZ AS 2021 CHAIRPERSON OF
THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - ALL AYES**

Leonard Fritz was appointed as 2021 Chairperson to the Monroe Township
Open Space Advisory Committee.

Len Fritz nominated Autumn Baidouri as Vice-Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Tracy Lavin and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF AUTUMN BAIDOURI AS
2021 VICE - CHAIRPERSON OF THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - ALL AYES**

Autumn Baidouri was appointed as 2021 Vice-Chairperson to the Monroe Township
Open Space Advisory Committee.

Tracy Lavin made a motion to close the floor for nominations. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Graziano and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Autumn Baidouri made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of December 7, 2020. The motion was seconded by Tracy Lavin and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

- **Liaison Reports**

Len asked Jenn to table this until the February meeting agenda.

- **Sub Committees**

Autumn suggested placing Community Relations and Social Media together as one sub-committee. She feels Veronica and Tracy will really be able to bring these elements together. Tracy spoke regarding her ideas with community relations. Autumn suggested creating a Development sub-committee, which can bring together project items, funding and resources with the other boards/commissions who want to be involved. A discussion followed regarding what other sub-committees might be needed. Len discussed working with both the Environmental Protection Commission on Sustainable Monroe on various projects.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Len brought Jeff up to speed on what the Open Space Advisory Committee is all about and what projects they have been working on and have in the works. Jeff introduced himself to the Committee.

Autumn spoke in reference to the “Zoom Hang Out” that she had talked about at the November 2020 meeting. She said this Zoom would help to explain what Open Space is, to engage new residents and to introduce Monroe Township to those who are new to the area. She will write up a concept paper on what the “Zoom Hang Out” will entail to provide to Council. Tracy suggested possibly creating a short movie clip to show what Open Space is prior to the Zoom. A discussion followed regarding what should be included in the “Zoom Hang Out”.

Len spoke regarding scheduling a caravan in the coming months, where the committee members can tour the town and see where the parks, trails and prospective projects are located.

Cncl. Fox spoke in reference to possibly adding a link to the Open Space Advisory’s section on the Township’s website for the residents to be able to access various maps and Open Space information, to which all of the members in attendance agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Leonard Fritz asked for a motion to adjourn. Tracy Lavin made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee Reorganization Meeting of January 11, 2021. The motion was seconded by Jeff Graziano and unanimously all in favor by all members of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Harbison, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee meeting is Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Reorganization Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of January 11, 2021 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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