

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

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

Len Fritz led the Commission in the salute to our flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Veronica Adepeju, Autumn Baidouri, Alan Dodd, Leonard Fritz, Tracy Lavin, Brent Salvadori and Cncl. Carolann Fox.

Absent: Jonathan Garbowski and Jeffrey Graziano.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Autumn Baidouri made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Reorganization Meeting of January 11, 2021. 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 as some of the other boards/commissions have not had their Reorganization meetings yet. Once all of the liaisons to Open Space are confirmed, we will place this back on the agenda. Cncl. Fox stated, she will serve as the Council, Zoning and Municipal Alliance liaison.

- **Sub Committee Report**

Tracy stated the Sub Committee has not met yet, so there is nothing to report at this time.

GENERAL / OPEN DISCUSSION

Len brought Veronica up to speed on what happened at the last couple meetings.

Alan spoke in reference to fundraising and asked if the Committee had a goal amount. Len advised, the previous fundraising conversations were general discussion to help come up with ideas on how to raise funds for the Committee's various projects. As projects are scheduled, more serious conversations about the needs and funding will be discussed.

Autumn spoke regarding the Community Relations Sub Committee, explaining to Veronica her ideas of what the committee can and will handle.

Alan asked if the Committee has an idea of what projects are more of priority than others. Len explained the various projects that have been and will be discussed by the Committee.

A discussion ensued regarding the different ways the Committee can fundraise for their various projects.

OPEN DISCUSSION *(cont'd)*

Autumn spoke regarding the potential trail around Duffy Park, noting this will provide a good opportunity to work with Jefferson Hospital and/or Inspira Medical Center to help incorporate health and fitness into the trail.

Alan said, he would like to organize a 5K to help get people out of their house and exercising all while helping to raise money for a project. A discussion followed about a potentially hosting a 5K and collaborating with other boards/commissions.

Autumn mentioned, she had recently visited Wagner Field and noted the potential uses of the field. Len explained the history of Wagner Field. A discussion followed regarding Wagner Field.

Alan asked, if there is a park that is equivalent to Owens Park located close to Victory Lakes. Len advised, the closest would probably be Duffy Park.

Len asked Jenn to send the members a copy of the working ROSI map to help everyone understand where things are located within the town.

Autumn, Alan, Tracy and Veronica scheduled a time for the Community Relations Sub Committee to meet.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Autumn Baidouri made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by Tracy Lavin and unanimously approved by all members of the Committee in attendance. With no one wishing to speak, Tracy Lavin made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by Veronica Adepeju and unanimously approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

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 Meeting of February 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Autumn Baidouri 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 1, 2021 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of February 1, 2021 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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