

**MINUTES  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
MAY 3, 2021**

The Meeting of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Len Fritz at 7:05pm. 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, Alan Dodd, Leonard Fritz, Jeffrey Graziano, Tracy Lavin, and Tushar Patel

Absent: Autumn Baidouri, Jonathan Garbowski, Brent Salvadori and Cncl. Carolann Fox

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tracy Lavin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of April 12, 2021. The motion was seconded by Jeff Graziano and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

- **Liaison Reports**

**Parks & Recreation** – Alan reported, currently there are no updates pertaining to Parks & Recreation. The Committee is waiting on updates pertaining to COVID-19 before they decide to schedule any events.

- **Sub Committee Report**

Tracy advised, there is nothing new to report at this time. They are in the process of scheduling another meeting.

- **Trails – New and Existing**

Len has spoken with Cncl. Fox about Wagner Field and the potential uses. He is waiting for her to report back with Council’s suggestions on what they want to see from the Committee.

With regards to the Sykes Lane property, Len noted, he believes that by the fall, the Committee will be able to begin work at the property. Regarding the trail around Mary Mazza Duffy Field, he feels that this project and the Sykes Lane property will be the two projects that the Committee will be able to see started this year.

Tracy spoke regarding the articles that were distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting relating to Wagner Field. Len explained, anything the Committee decides to do with the property, will have to go through Council first. Tracy agreed that the prospective trail around Mary Mazza Duffy Field should be the next project that the Committee work on after the Sykes Lane parking lot. Jeff suggested, in addition to the previously discussed “video around town” that the Committee try and include an interview with a local science teacher to help debunk the rumors that surround Wagner Field, which will also help promote the area. He noted, even though he does not teach in town, he would be happy to help with that aspect.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Len advised that Jon Garbowski will be stepping down as a member to the Open Space Advisory Committee, due to his many other obligations outside of the Open Space Advisory Committee. His resignation will leave a vacancy on the Committee.

Jeff spoke regarding possibly hosting a civil war re-enactment at one of the fields in town in the next year. Len suggested including the Historical Society if they decide to schedule something.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Jeffrey Graziano made a motion to open the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Tracy Lavin and unanimously approved by all members of the Commission in attendance. With no one wishing to speak and no public comment received, Jeffrey Graziano made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Tushar Patel and unanimously approved by all members of Commission 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 May 3, 2021. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Graziano 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, June 7, 2021 at 7:00pm.

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of May 3, 2021 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.*

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