

**MINUTES  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

The Meeting of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Len Fritz at 7:06pm. 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: Autumn Baidouri, Alan Dodd, Leonard Fritz, and Tushar Patel

Absent: Jonathan Garbowski, Tracy Levin, Brent Salvadori and Cncl. Carolann Fox

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Autumn Baidouri made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of July 12, 2021. The motion was seconded by Tushar Patel and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

- **Liaison Reports**

**Parks & Recreation** – Alan reported that on October 23, 2021 Parks & Recreation Committee will be hosting the Fall Festival at Owens Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Halloween Parade beginning at 7 p.m.

- **Sub Committee Report**

Autumn noted, there is nothing new to report at this time.

- **Sykes Lane Lot**

Len updated the members present that he presented the Committee's ideas for the Sykes Lane property to the Planning Board at their meeting last week and it went well. The Planning Board suggested that a handicap accessible space and access to the Bike Path be added. He said it was a very positive meeting, with the Planning Board offering their assistance with everything they can on the project.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Autumn spoke regarding organizing a clean-up at Wagner Field. Jenn will follow up with Jackie Wallace in the Office of Emergency Management on the clean-up. Autumn noted, she would like to be able to schedule the cleanup in the early spring.

Autumn asked Alan if it would be possible for the Open Space Advisory Committee to have a table at the Fall Festival. Alan will discuss this with the Parks and Recreation Commission and report back at the next meeting. Autumn spoke regarding possibly also having a table at the youth soccer complex to help reach and educate the residents on what open space is. A discussion followed regarding the benefits of having a table for all of the Township Boards and Commission at each Township hosted event.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Autumn Baidouri made a motion to open the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Tushar Patel and unanimously approved by all members of the Commission in attendance. With no one wishing to speak and no public comment received, Autumn Baidouri 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. Tushar Patel made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of September 13, 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, October 4, 2021 at 7:00pm.

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of September 13, 2021 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.*

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