

**MINUTES  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
MARCH 7, 2022**

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.

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Autumn Baidouri, Anthony Bundi, Alan Dodd, Leonard Fritz, Mark Kozachyn, Tracy Lavin, Tushar Patel, Brent Salvadori and Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Autumn Baidouri made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of February 7, 2022. The motion was seconded by Anthony Bundi and approved by all members of the Committee.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

- **Liaison Reports**

**Council** – Cncl. O'Reilly reported, Council had a discussion regarding hunting on Township owned property and the conscience was they do not want to allow hunting on Township owned property.

**Parks & Recreation** – Brent reported that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:00pm at Owens Park. He noted, the Commission is beginning to prepare for the annual Music Festival which will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June.

Alan noted that the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings are open to the public and he invited everyone to attend. This month's meeting is going to be held in-person at the Pfeiffer Community Center on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00pm.

- **Sub Committee Report/Social Media**

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

Autumn spoke regarding the "field trip" the Commission took two years ago, when they visited the open space areas and parks located throughout the Township and suggested possibly scheduling another trip with the new members of the Commission. Cncl. O'Reilly suggested, possibly using one of the Township buses for the trip, so that all of the members could go together, to which all of the members agreed.

- **Sykes Lane Lot**

Len noted, the Sykes Lane property is progressing. He has spoken with both Nick Mercado and Mike Calvello with the Public Works Department and they are ready to get the project started, they are just waiting for the opportunity, weather wise. A discussion followed regarding the property and the previous

discussions the Open Space Advisory Committee has had with the Environmental Protection Commission and Sustainable Monroe.

Alan asked if there is a plot plan for Sykes Lane, to which Len stated, there is not necessarily a plot plan but a sketch, “a concept plan”.

- **Trails – New and Existing**
  - **Duffy Fields Trail**

Len apologized for not have the time to create the sketch of the proposed trail around Duffy Fields for discussion at this evening’s meeting. He asked for any ideas or thoughts as to the materials for the trail and what the members would like to see done with the trail. A discussion followed regarding the trail and the area around the fields. Len said, he will create and distribute the sketch prior to the next meeting for all of the members to review for further discussion.

**GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Brent Salvadori made a motion to open the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Anthony Bundi and unanimously approved by all members of the Commission. With no one wishing to speak and no public comment received, Tracy Lavin made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Antony Bundi and unanimously approved by all members of Commission.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Autumn asked about the Victory Lakes recreation center, to which Cncl. O’Reilly said that the recreation center is owned by the Victory Lakes Association and is not a public area.

Tracy asked Len for a list of the places that the Committee visited a couple of years ago, noting she needs it to go along with the pictures she had taken. Len said, he will email the list to her after the meeting. Brent said, he liked the idea of scheduling another trip, to which Len suggested, scheduling a date once the weather gets warmer.

Mark asked if the sketch for Sykes Lane is on the website, to which Len replied no, he had sent out the sketch via email a few months ago to all of the members. Jenn will resend the sketch to all of the members tomorrow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Leonard Fritz asked for a motion to adjourn. Autumn Baidouri made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of March 7, 2022. The motion was seconded by Anthony Bundi 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, April 4, 2022 at 7:00pm.

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of March 7, 2022 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.*

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