

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
APRIL 4, 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: Anthony Bundi, Alan Dodd, Leonard Fritz, Mark Kozachyn, Tracy Lavin, Brent Salvadori and Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly

Absent: Autumn Baidouri, Tushar Patel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tracy Lavin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of March 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 did not have anything new to report.

Parks & Rec - Brent reported that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 9th 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 June 4th.

Alan added that the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings are open to the public and he invited everyone to attend.

- Subcommittee Report/Social Media

Tracy stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.

- Sykes Lane Lot

Cncl. O'Reilly stated that he will reach out to Mike Calvello and Len noted that he will speak with Nick Mercado. The Public Works Department will be starting to pick up the Spring leaves, but this project is expected to last for 3 days. A discussion followed regarding the property and the fencing issue which will need to be addressed.

- Duffy Fields Trail

Len sent out an email containing a sketch of the proposed trail around Duffy Fields. The Commission brought up concerns with the proposed trail which included the safety of pedestrians, the impact to the soccer fields and the parking situation. Cncl. O'Reilly also noted that part of the property is in the wetlands and the creation of the trail should be conscious of that.

The Commission decided to hold the next scheduled meeting at Duffy Fields at 6:30 pm to conduct a walk through of the trail.

- Wagner / Olympic Field

Cncl. O'Reilly gave an overview of the fields. He stated that they were irrigated, that there were power lines as well as a power line easement and that the property had no resale value. A discussion followed regarding potential future uses for the property. Len has requested that each member of the Commission email him a suggestion for the property to be discussed at the next meeting. The address will be sent out for those who wish to familiarize themselves with the area.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

A discussion was held regarding the land across from CVS and the potential changes it would make to the Black Horse Pike and Main Street if a developer were to utilize the land.

Brent noted that he has been on the Committee for many years and he is impressed with the turnout and the discussions that are held at each meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Leonard Fritz asked for a motion to adjourn. Mark Kozachyn made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of April 4, 2022. The motion was seconded by Tracy Lavin and unanimously all in favor by all members of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Ballard, Substitute Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee meeting is Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of April 4, 2022 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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