

**MINUTES  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
SEPTEMBER 12, 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, Leonard Fritz, Mark Kozachyn, Tushar Patel and Brent Salvadori

Absent: Alan Dodd, Tracy Lavin 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 August 1, 2022. 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 & Rec** – Brent Salvadori said that there are new playgrounds being installed at Owens Park and in Newbury Farms and the property located in the back of the Church Street fields is being prepared for the new basketball courts and pavilions. The Parks and Recreation Commission is getting ready for the Fall Festival in October which will be held on October 22, 2022.

- **Subcommittee Report/Social Media**

Autumn stated that there is nothing new to report at this time. Autumn suggested to get more people involved, maybe reaching out to one of the high school science teachers to see if there are any students interested in serving.

- **Sykes Lane Lot**

Len said the Public Works Department did a fantastic job getting the site cleaned up and useable, maintaining it, and creating and installing the signage. He happily reported that every time he drives past the lot, it is being used. Autumn noted, she would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the property, as it will provide a great opportunity for people to see the property and to give the Committee, especially Len some much owed recognition for all of the hard work on the property. Len said that he will reach out to Cncl. O'Reilly about scheduling the ceremony.

- **Duffy Fields Trail**

Len noted, this trail was discussed during the tour around town and it was decided that this project is going to be placed on hold at this time due to the limits to the trails with the fields, the roads and the wetlands. He said, the Committee will be better spending their resources and efforts on trails to connect to other things, to which everyone in attendance agreed. A discussion followed regarding where possible connector trails could be created.

• Township Parks & Open Space Tour

Len thanked everyone for attending Saturday’s tour around town, noting it was a very successful/productive day which ended at Tushar’s house. He went over the path taken around town which began at Scotland Run Park and ended at Radix and what parks were visited. A discussion followed regarding the tour and ideas for possible new trails.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Autumn asked if the Committee wanted to have any presence at the Township’s upcoming fall festivities to which Brent noted, the Fall Festival is not generally an event where advertising is done, it is more of a fun day for the children.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mark Kozachyn made a motion to open the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Anthony Bundi and unanimously approved by all members of the Commission in attendance. With no one wishing to speak and no public comment received, Anthony Bundi made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Mark Kozachyn 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. Autumn Baidouri made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of September 12, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mark Kozachyn 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 3, 2022 at 7:00pm.**

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of September 12, 2022 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.*

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