

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
OCTOBER 3, 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 Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly

Absent: Alan Dodd, Tracy Lavin and Brent Salvadori

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anthony Bundi made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of September 12, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mark Kozachyn and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

- **Liaison Reports**

Council – Cncl. O'Reilly stated that there is nothing to report at this time

Environmental Protection Commission – Commission Secretary, Jenn advised the Commission is working on renewing their Tree City status and are working with a local Eagle Scout to have a bike rack installed at the municipal building. The Commission also discussed ideas on how to entice people to join the Commission

- **Subcommittee Report/Social Media**

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

- **Sykes Lane Lot**

Len thanked the Public Works Department for all of the work they have done, especially with the signage. He spoke regarding the fence that needs to be installed in order to complete the lot, noting previously it was discussed to have the fence completed by December. He asked all of the members in attendance to think about suggestions and ideas for the fence purchase and installation before the December meeting. Autumn suggested purchasing and installing the fence and then continue from that point, as the fence is a very important piece to the lot. Len noted that the fence needs to be completed prior to scheduling a ribbon cutting ceremony for the lot, to which Cncl. O'Reilly agreed. Len asked if a Resolution needs to be prepared for Council approval for the expenditure of the fence purchase and installation, to which Cncl. O'Reilly said he would reach out to Cncl. Pres. Wolfe to see if that needed to be done and placed on the next Council meeting Agenda and he will report back. A discussion followed regarding the existing trees on the lot and the approximate costs for the fence.

- **Connector Trails**

Cncl. O'Reilly spoke regarding the possible opportunity in the future of creating a connector trail which would connect Scotland Run Park to the bike trail. Len noted, another possible connector trail is the trail that would cross over the Black Horse Pike towards Winslow at the old railroad beds next to Radix Elementary School. A discussion ensued regarding the size of that potential project.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Cncl. O'Reilly spoke in reference to the Dog Park, noting it is slated to be completed by the end of the year.

Autumn asked Len if he had a chance to follow up with Cncl. Fox on the previously discussed school projects, to which Len advised he has not yet had the opportunity to do so. Autumn suggested one of the possible school projects should be to have the students create a map of the town outlining the bike trail, parks and other points of interest within the town.

Mark suggested having mile markers placed along the bike trail.

Len spoke regarding how the bike trail travels through the Church Street Fields on the west side, where there is a grassy area, noting he thinks it would be a good area to place additional parking. He asked if that was Township owned, to which Cncl. O'Reilly confirmed.

Autumn offered to work on updating the Committee's Goals for the upcoming year.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Autumn Baidouri 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, Mark Kozachyn made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Autumn Baidouri 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 October 3, 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, November 7, 2022 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of October 3, 2022 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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