

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

The meeting of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Len Fritz at 7:04pm. 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, Leonard Fritz, Mark Kozachyn, Tracy Lavin, and Tushar Patel

Absent: Anthony Bundi, Alan Dodd, 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 October 3, 2022. The motion was seconded by Tracy Lavin and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

- **2023 Recommendations to Council**

Len emailed the 2023 Recommendations to the Committee members for review prior to this evening's meeting. Mark asked for clarification of the recommendations, to which Len explained the prior recommendations and the current recommendations. Mark said, he would like to see something added that states that the Committee would like to acquire land for preservation so that it does not get developed, to which Len said that is a key component of the Open Space Advisory Committee's etc. A discussion followed regarding the 2023 recommendations. Len advised that he would like to present the Committee's recommendations to Council after their reorganization meeting in January, noting there is time for additional comments or suggestions to be discussed and added.

- **Subcommittee Report/Social Media**

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

- **Sykes Lane Lot**

Len spoke regarding the fencing that needs to be completed on the property. He noted, he believes that it would be best to have the fence professionally installed to ensure that the fencing will be done simply and efficiently, especially since it is being tied in to a neighboring resident's property.

Len noted, the next thing he would like to see done at the Sykes Lane property, is to have wildflowers planted along both sides of the connector pieces to the bike trail along with some bushes/shrubs planted in the back area to help section off the lot from the neighboring properties. He also spoke regarding having the bike repair station and tables installed on the property.

Len noted that in speaking with Cncl. O'Reilly prior to the meeting, the Sykes Lane Lot has become very popular with the residents and the Committee may have to look into expanding it in the future.

- **Connector Trails**

Len updated the members of the Committee in attendance on the current discussions regarding the possible connector trail near the Hunter Woods Development along with the potential trail on the other side of the Black Horse Pike. A discussion followed regarding the trails.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mark Kozachyn made a motion to open the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Tracy Lavin and unanimously approved by all members of the Commission in attendance. 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 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 November 14, 2022. The motion was seconded by Tushar Patel 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, December 5, 2022 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of November 14, 2022 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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