

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

The Meeting of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Leonard Fritz at 7:00pm. Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Anthony Bundi, Alan Dodd, Crystal Fox, Leonard Fritz, Mark Kozachyn, Tracy Lavin, and Cncl. Chelsea Valcourt

Absent: Tushar Patel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anthony Bundi made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of January 9, 2023. The motion was seconded by Crystal Fox and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

- **Liaison Reports**

- Council – Cncl. Valcourt introduced herself to all of the Committee members present.
- Parks & Recreation – Alan advised that the Parks & Recreation’s next scheduled event will be the Easter Egg Hunt. He noted, the Commission has begun working on the Music Fest, which will be held on the first Saturday in June. He said, if anyone has any suggestions for musical acts or entertainment for the Music Festival, to please let him know and he will pass the information along.
- Environmental Protection Commission – Anthony stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.

- **Sykes Lane Lot**

Len reported that the fence installation has been completed. Len spoke regarding planting wildflowers at the parking lot, noting he has noticed at other parks where wildflowers are planted they have simple rope barriers placed around the flowers to prohibit them from getting trampled on. Len said, he believes it will be a good idea to work alongside the Environmental Protection Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission on future projects at the Sykes Lane Lot. Alan provided an update on the Bike Repair Station that he received from the previous acting chair of Sustainable Monroe. A discussion followed regarding the Sykes Lane Lot and what additional projects the members would like to see done at the lot.

- **Connector Trails**

Len said, he would like to see the Committee bring back the discussions of creating a trail around Mary Mazza Duffy Park along with trying to obtain the easement for the trail that will connect both sides of the Black Horse Pike. Len explained the ideas and plans behind the connector trail that will cross over the Black Horse Pike to Cncl. Valcourt in order to bring her up to speed on the project and asked her to follow up with Cncl. O'Reilly on what needs to be done to obtain the required easement.

Len spoke regarding the property located outside of Hunter Woods, which he believes is now "locked in", noting this piece will allow the bike trail to connect to Scotland Run Park. According to his contacts at the County, they are excited about this and would like to have some input on the trail when it is created.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Tracy Lavin made a motion to open the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Anthony Bundi and unanimously approved by all members 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 Alan Dodd and unanimously approved by all members of Committee in attendance.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Alan said, he would like to speak with the Parks and Recreation Committee regarding a collaboration between the Committees along with allowing the Committee to be able to host a table at the various Township events to help with public outreach. A discussion followed regarding what events the Committee would like to attend, what they would promote and hand out at the events.

Alan asked if there were vacant positions on the Committee, to which Jenn explained that there are two (2) full member positions and two (2) alternate member positions open. Cncl. Valcourt said, at the next Council Meeting, she will make an announcement regarding the vacancies and encourage residents to apply to serve.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Leonard Fritz asked for a motion to adjourn. Tracy Lavin made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of February 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Anthony Bundi and unanimously all in favor by all members of the Committee in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Harbison, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee meeting is Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of February 6, 2023 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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