

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
JULY 10, 2023**

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: Crystal Fox, Leonard Fritz, Mark Kozachyn, Tracy Lavin, Tushar Patel, Marjorie Sherrard, and Cncl. Chelsea Valcourt

Absent: Anthony Bundi, Alan Dodd, and Michael Silvestro

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Crystal Fox made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of June 12, 2023. The motion was seconded by Marjorie Sherrard and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

- **Liaison Reports**

Council – Cncl. Chelsea Valcourt has not received any updates regarding the Owens Park Expansion but she should have information to present at the next meeting.

- **Owens Park Expansion**

Len noted, there was a really good discussion with the Mayor at the last meeting pertaining to this.

- **Sykes Lane Lot**

Len spoke in reference to the planting of the seedlings and when they should be planted, noting he is going to leave the planting up to the members to decide when and how. Mark noted the reasons why the spring and fall seasons are beneficial to planting. Len advised that he is going to order the seeds and then submit the invoice for reimbursement. A discussion followed regarding the planting of the seeds and the area to be planted at the lot.

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, Crystal Fox made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Tushar Patel and unanimously approved by all members of Commission in attendance.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mark asked about the old 4H fair grounds, to which Len explained the location and how the Township is regaining ownership of the property. A discussion followed regarding the property.

A discussion ensued regarding the Music Festival and how they need to prepare for next year’s event.

Len spoke in reference to and explained the various connecting bike trail pieces in which the township boarders, such as the Winslow Wildlife.

Mark asked about the blue bird boxes that Cncl. Valcourt spoke about at the last meeting. Cncl. Valcourt explained that an organization is interested in installing blue bird boxes along the bike trail.

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 July 10, 2023. The motion was seconded by Crystal Fox and unanimously all in favor by all members of the Commission in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Harbison, Secretary

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

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Seniors Commission Meeting of July 10, 2023 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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