

**MINUTES  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

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: Anthony Bundi, Crystal Fox, Leonard Fritz, Tracy Lavin, Tushar Patel, Michael Silvestro, Leonard Zeigler, and Cncl. Chelsea Valcourt

Absent: Mark Kozachyn, Marjorie Sherrard, and Marc DiFrancesco

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Crystal Fox made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of January 8, 2024. The motion was seconded by Anthony Bundi and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

- **Liaison Reports**

**Council** – Cncl. Valcourt stated that there is nothing new to report at this time. Len Fritz asked about the Jakes’ Law Playground that he saw on the Council Meeting Agenda, to which Cncl. Valcourt explained the all-inclusive playground and the grant process that is involved. Len Fritz spoke regarding the survey that was placed on the Township Website regarding the playground, asking if a survey could be posted for the various Open Space projects as well. Cncl. Valcourt stated, once the Committee creates a survey, she will bring it to the Mayor for approval to be placed on the Township Website. A discussion ensued regarding the playground project survey and creating a possible Open Space survey.

- **Sykes Lane Lot**

Len Fritz said that the flowers are doing well and do not look to have been disturbed in any way.

- **2024 Committee Projects**

Len Zeigler spoke regarding Wagner Field, noting it seems to be a great location with a lot of opportunity for growth. He believes that disc golf would be a great addition to the property, to which the members in attendance agreed. Len Fritz explained the size of Wagner Field, noting there is plenty of room to add the much-needed extra sports fields for soccer, baseball, etc. A discussion ensued regarding Wagner Field, the possible uses for the field, and the possible safety concerns leaving the location onto the Black Horse Pike. The members of the Committee in attendance agreed to focus on Wagner Field as their main project in 2024.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mike Silvestro asked if there is any property that is simply designated as preserved open space, to which Len confirmed and spoke regarding the various areas located within Monroe Township that are designated as open space. Mike suggested possibly creating signage promoting the preserved open space throughout the town. A discussion followed regarding the various developments that are being built and the open space in town.

Crystal Fox spoke regarding the Trail of Hope. Jenn said, she will find out the history of the Trail of Hope and report back at the next meeting.

Tracy Lavin suggested having possibly the April meeting at Wagner Field, to which everyone in attendance agreed.

Len Fritz spoke in reference to hosting another booth at this year’s Music Festival which will be held on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to which everyone in attendance agreed.

**GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Tracy Lavin made a motion to open the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Michael Silvestro 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 Anthony Bundi 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. Crystal Fox made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of February 5, 2024. The motion was seconded by Michael Silvestro and unanimously all in favor by all members of the Commission in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Harbison, Secretary

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of February 5, 2024 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.*

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