

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MARCH 4, 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, Marc DiFrancesco, Crystal Fox, Leonard Fritz, Mark Kozachyn, Tracy Lavin, Tushar Patel, Leonard Zeigler, and Cncl. Chelsea Valcourt

Absent: Marjorie Sherrard and Michael Silvestro

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anthony Bundi made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of February 5, 2024. The motion was seconded by Tracy Lavin 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.

Environmental Protection Commission – Anthony asked if Open Space wanted to share a table with the Environmental Protection Commission at this years' Music Fest. Len advised that per last month's discussion, it will be best to have separate tables but close to each other, in order to prevent any confusion to the residents visiting the tables. A discussion followed regarding the Music Festival, bringing Marc DiFrancesco and Len Zeigler up to speed on what took place at last year's festival and the purpose of the festival.

- **Sykes Lane Lot**

Mark Kozachyn said that the flowers are doing well, however the markers have been removed. Jenn will reach out to Deb Bender at Public Works and ask about the markers being removed. A discussion followed regarding the planting of the wild flowers at the Sykes Lane Lot.

- **Wagner Field**

Len asked if anyone had prepared their potential questions for the Open Space Survey they discussed creating at the last meeting. He spoke in reference to the previous discussions regarding creating an Open Space Survey to distribute to the residents of Monroe Township to help find out what projects they would like to see the Committee work on and/or what they would like to see the Township offer in terms of open space. A discussion regarding Wagner Field and the various available opportunities for usage.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Crystal and Len shared the questions they prepared for the Open Space Survey. A discussion ensued regarding the creation of an Open Space survey and the presented prepared questions. Cncl. Valcourt said, she will find out the results of the survey and report back at the next meeting.

Len advised that the next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 8th will be held at Wagner Field, beginning at 6:00pm. Jenn stated that there will not be a Zoom link available for the April meeting.

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 March 4, 2024. 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

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting of March 4, 2024 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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