



**Township of Pequannock
Open Space Advisory Committee**

December 12, 2016, 7:00 PM
Municipal Building, 2nd Floor
530 Newark-Pompton Turnpike
Pompton Plains, NJ 07444

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Frank Spizzirri at 7:04 pm.

Voting Members Present (X):

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| | Joseph Wells (Chairman) | X | Frank Spizzirri (Vice-Chair) | X | Robin Jones (Secretary) |
| X | Thomas Andrea | X | Michael Carlon | X | Ryan Herd |
| | Mayor David Kohle | X | Jeffrey Mauriello | X | Robert Safarik |
| | VACANT | | | | |

Others Present (X):

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| X | Frank Pinto, Spinelli & Pinto Consulting, LLC | X | Julie Unger |
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A quorum was established.

Mission Statement

To provide advice to the Township Council concerning open space acquisition and property stewardship issues.

Minutes Review & Approval

On motion of member Andrea seconded by Jones, the Open Session minutes of the November 11, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously with members Jones and Safarik abstaining, as they were not present.

On motion of member Andrea seconded by Jones, the Executive Session minutes of the November 11, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously with members Jones and Safarik abstaining, as they were not present.

Township Council Report:

Mayor Kohle was unable to attend.

Planning Board Report:

Mr. Herd reported there was approval of a lot line adjustment between Rentals Unlimited and the Castle property. There is a pending matter regarding the Toyota dealership on Rt 23 and Carlson Place. The owners own a vacant parcel on the north side of Carlson Place where they plan to build a second dealership. The existing Toyota dealership will move to the new building with the current building housing a Volkswagen dealership. Improvements to Carlson Place will be made to the edge of the Bauer property.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Report:

Mr. Andrea reported that he brought back the concerns with the proposed “carry in/carry out” trash policy. The committee still wishes to move forward with the concept and will present it to Council for their consideration. He reported on a very successful event held. The “Polar Plunge” is planned for PV Park on Sunday January 8th. The monies raised will benefit a new sound system for the football field.

Environmental Commission Report:

No report as they will meet on Wed, Dec 14.

Historic District Commission Report:

Mr. Safarik reported that there was nothing new with the Martin Berry house, as the owner is still residing in the home but will soon be moving to Cedar Crest. There was a sale of furniture that did take place, which raised \$12,000. Those funds will go to maintenance and improvements planned for the home. In addition, the owner is donating many items to the Historical Society.

Correspondence:

None.

Riverwalk Mapping:

Mr. Pinto reported that he met with Chairman Wells to discuss mapping options for the Riverwalk trails project. A review of the existing hard copy marked up trails map was held. After a discussion, the result was a plan for Spinelli and Pinto to prepare a draft map for the planned Riverwalk kiosks that shows the trail and features for the January meeting with the goal of kiosk maps being ready for the Spring time installation of the kiosks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of member Andrea seconded by Jones, the Committee voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following three matters:

1. Manno Property
2. Fritz Property
3. Pompton River Trails Acquisitions atop NJDWC water line easement areas

The open session reconvened at 7:53 PM.

There was a discussion about possible locations for a Pequannock area community garden. Member Jones and Ms. Unger had visited several town park properties and are contemplating the best possible site for the garden. Once they have a recommendation on a preferred site, they will inform the Open Space Committee, as well as Parks and Rec and the Township Council.

Adjournment:

On motion of member Carlon with all in agreement, the meeting concluded at 8:14 PM.

**Next meeting is Scheduled for:
Monday, January 9, 2017, 7:00 pm
530 Newark-Pompton Turnpike
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Respectfully Submitted,

Frank

Frank Pinto, Committee Facilitator