



**Township of Pequannock
Open Space Advisory Committee**
February 12, 2018, 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 Chairman Wells at 7:00 pm.

Voting Members Present (X):

X	Joseph Wells (Chairman)	X	Frank Spizzirri (Vice-Chair)		Robin Jones (Secretary)
X	Kerry Heck	X	Hon. Ryan Herd	X	Jeffrey Mauriello
	Sean Mulhall	X	Robert Safarik	X	Rudy Steinthal
	Julie Unger				

Others Present (X):

	Frank Pinto, Spinelli & Pinto Consulting, LLC (absent due to eye injury)
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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 Spizzirri seconded by Mauriello, the Open Session minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously with members Herd and Steinthal abstaining, as they were not present.

Township Council Report:

Councilman Herd reported that budget meetings will be held in the coming weeks.

Planning Board Report:

Beekeeping regulations were reviewed. Additional time to review application before the board was also reviewed.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Report:

Rudy discussed the new field use ordinance as well as the refurbishing of the ballfield and lighting at Washington Park and the soon to be completed Auxiliary field. Rudy also noted that the Mayor’s River cleanup will be held April 7th and is seeking volunteers to participate that day.

Environmental Commission Report:

No report.

Historic District Commission Report:

No report.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment.

Mr. Adam Iacaleo was present to explain a program which offers large numbers of trees for planting along the Riverwalk. Mr. Wells suggested that a sub-committee be convened to work out details and to do a site walk. The deadline to apply for the trees is March 15/16. Accordingly, a review should be completed prior to the next OS Comm meeting.

Pending Items Update

1. Pompton Riverwalk (Joe Wells & Frank Pinto)

- Site visits – Anello and Golf Works – Joe Wells and Frank Pinto met with landowners Vincent Anello and Mr. Oh, owner of the driving range. Both expressed interest in selling or donating easements for the Riverwalk. Mr. Oh was concerned about golf balls and the need for a high fence to keep his golf balls from entering the trail area.

- NJDWSC – no new developments this month.

- Plaza 23 - no new developments this month.

- Schaefer Property – The landowner has expressed interest in selling the eastern-most property. Investigations will begin.

- Trails Mapping Update – The kiosk maps are complete and laminated. Frank P to get mapping to Joe Wells for installation in kiosks that are already constructed.

- NYS&W – No update to report.

2. Pio Costa Property (Joe) – Joe went over the property location with the members so they understood more about the property and its potential acquisition/donation to the Borough. Frank P is getting quotes for Phase 1 work for the property.

Hoedown – Frank S reported the Open Space Committee will have two tables.

Adjournment:

On motion of member Safarik with all in agreement, the meeting concluded at 8:15 PM.

**Next meeting is Scheduled for:
Monday, March 12, 2018; 7:00 pm
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Respectfully Submitted,

Frank

Frank Pinto, Committee Facilitator