



**Township of Pequannock
Open Space Advisory Committee**

June 11, 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 7:01 pm.

Voting Members Present (X):

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

Others Present (X):

X	Frank Pinto, Spinelli & Pinto Consulting, LLC		
X	Nick DiStefano (left at 7:28 pm)		

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 Steintal seconded by Spizzirri, the Open Session minutes of the May 14, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously with member Mauriello abstaining, as he was not present.

Planning Board Report:

Member Mauriello reported that an Albanian social club was approved on Route 23 near Casey's Bagels. It is a storefront that is being leased. A flag lot on Mountain Avenue was approved.

Environmental Commission Report:

Member Mauriello was not present at the last month's meeting.

Historic District Commission Report:

Member Safarik reported that the sewer line got installed at the Berry House. The contractor did a good job to clean up after his work. Official opening is still scheduled for October 13th.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Report:

Fireworks display is scheduled for June 29th. Also on June 29th the swim lanes are to be dedicated. Field #2 is looking for a press box. The skatepark letter went out stating that funds were available and to ask for a report on their fundraising efforts.

Township Council Report:

Ryan arrived at the very end of the meeting and did not have anything to report on.

Correspondence: None.

Pompton Riverwalk

2015 Trails Grant – Joe reported that he has the markers for the water trail signage. Joe has an Eagle Scout to do one of the remaining kiosks that need to be constructed. Joe requested to get days/hours for those who haven't provided their hours to him yet. Frank Pinto reported that he has the final report template completed and starting to prepare the final report.

NJDWSC – Bauer & Covello Easements. Frank Pinto reported that he has a meeting request in to the Water District to determine ownership of the Covello right of way area.

Schaefer Property – Frank reported that the Township has been in discussions with the landowner.

Property's along Route 23 – Joe reviewed the Township's ordinance with Joe Golden that concerns fencing in a flood zone. Fencing that will not restrict water flow is permitted. There are fences like split rails that will be permitted in the flood zone. There is also the need for bridge crossings of streams along the proposed trail route. Mr. Golden reported that if the bridge is less than 6 feet wide, and under a certain level of construction intensity, they can be built and installed without NJDEP permitting/approval.

Rail Trail – Joe is meeting with the new Administrator Adam Brewer this week. Jerry Rohsler is also meeting with him. Joe reported that the rail trail project will be contacting everyone that is contiguous and that is encroaching on the rail line to request they remove the issue. The letters are getting to the landowners now. "Squatters Rights" cannot be claimed against railroad properties.

Tree Planting – Riverside was planted with 27 or so trees. Several members of the OS Comm were involved. The trees are flourishing with all the rain we have had. Robin reported that he saw the trees recently and they were in great condition. Joe reported that the trees will now need pruning.

There was a discussion of cancelling the July and August meetings. It was agreed that both meetings would be cancelled unless a timely issue required it.

Adjournment:

On motion of member Spizzirri with all in agreement, the meeting concluded at 7:52 PM.

**Next meeting is Scheduled for:
Monday, September 10, 2018; 7:00 pm
530 Newark-Pompton Turnpike
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Respectfully Submitted,

Frank

Frank Pinto, Committee Facilitator