



**Township of Pequannock
Open Space Advisory Committee
November 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 Vice-Chairman Spizzirri at 7:08 pm.

Voting Members Present (X):

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

Others Present (X):

X	Frank Pinto, Spinelli & Pinto Consulting, LLC		
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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 Unger seconded by member Heck, the Open Session minutes of the October 8, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously with member Jones abstaining, as he was not present.

Township Council Report:

Frank S reported that last week there was a meeting. Jerry Rohsler from Morris County was present along with the engineer and MC Park Commission reps for the NYS&W rail line project. The project construction is now looking like a summer 2019 start. It will start in Wayne due to the active rail line crossing that needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

Planning Board Report:

Jeff reported that the board approved the resolution for the outdoor seating area for Bardi's. It will be on the side of the building. It will be guarded by bollards.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Report:

Rudy was unable to attend; however, he provided the following report in advance of the meeting: P.V. parks schedule from Memorial Day until school ends remains the same as previous years. Trunk and Treat was moved to the High School Gym due to the weather and was a great success. Chess tournament scheduled for November 17th at PV school.

Environmental Commission Report:

Jeff reported that nothing went on this month. Talk about the Hoedown is all that was discussed.

Historic District Commission Report:

Frank S. reported that they had the grand opening for the Martin Berry house.

Correspondence:

1. Pompton Riverwalk (Joe Wells & Frank Pinto)

- Tree Planting along Pequannock Ave – Robin reported that it was decided that the weeds issues will be best addressed in the Spring. They did a lot of work recently but weeds are huge and a major clean-up project. They decided that tree trimming will be in Spring. The weeding can be coordinated with that effort. Ryan reported that he looked down the tubes and saw that a large percentage of the trees are growing nicely. Kerry also reported seeing similar results. Frank reported that volunteers will be able to use DPW equipment for tree cleaning work and other purposes.

- Kiosks – Scout Project. Frank S reported on Joe Wells report that he’s working with a Scout on Riverside Drive last Saturday clearing the trail. Next Saturday he will be installing the supports for the kiosk.

Pompton Riverwalk

Frank Pinto reported on the following projects:

- NJDWSC – Bauer & Covello Easement – Bob Oostdyk has ordered a title search for the NJDWSC property. Once completed the Township can prepare and submit to the District a draft easement. When this occurs, a similar outreach will be made to Karl Bauer so that survey of the easement can then begin.

- Phillips Edison aka Rt 23 Plaza – Frank had very recent conversation with Sean Valerio, the Plaza’s rep. Sean had some technical questions but anticipates cooperation/agreement from the owners very soon.

- ARC Group Property (#06 on Riverwalk List) – Frank has made two recent outreaches to the landowner’s representative with no response. An email outreach is next attempt.

- Manno Property – Frank informed the members present that the current owner (Mark Olynyk) has a pending contract of sale for the house and the one adjoining lot. He is interested in selling to the Township but cannot upset the pending transaction. The reported price is \$325K for just the two lots. Mark also owns the other two vacant parcels formerly owned by Mr. Manno. He is interested in building on those parcels but is also a willing seller to the Township.

3. NYS&W Rail Trail – Joe reported on the meeting and public comments made during the governing body presentation. Issues related to encroachments were discussed. There were also questions about lighting and snow clearing. No is the answer to both of those.

4. Aquatic Park Development – Answers to some issues on Aquatic park remain before we can proceed with a park development plan for the property.

Adjournment:

On motion of member Jones with all in agreement, the meeting concluded at 7:59 PM.

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

Frank

Frank Pinto, Committee Facilitator