



**Township of Pequannock
Open Space Advisory Committee**

August 14, 2017, 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)	X	Robin Jones (Secretary)
X	Tom Andrea	X	Hon. Ryan Herd	X	Jeffrey Mauriello
	Sean Mulhall	X	Robert Safarik	X	Rudy Steintal
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 Spizzirri seconded by Steintal, the Open Session minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously with member Andrea abstaining. No Executive Session was held.

Township Council Report:

Mr. Herd reported that potential skatepark was discussed and they are waiting to see a possible design. It will be in Washington Park, behind where the all-purpose field is to go. No decision yet on how it will be paid for. There is going to be a design first to determine estimated cost. The Skatepark Advisory Committee is leading the effort.

Swim lanes construction will begin this Fall. The lake is being taken down. They will take out the old lanes and replace with floating docks for a permanent fix for the swim lanes.

Planning Board Report:

Sean was not able to attend to provide a report.

Environmental Commission Report:

Meeting was not held last month.

Historic District Commission Report:

Bob reported on the Martin Burry house. They are working on rental fees and utility costs and possible rate schedule for meeting rentals. The town administrator will be in control of the keys. Bob has not been inside the house yet. The house is not yet ready as interior needs to be organized and cleaned before the public can be admitted.

The hoedown is on September 16th, the Historic Society will have its own display. They want to be in a more visible location this year. More and more donations are coming. Bob passed out the Pathways brochure but the Burry house will not be ready for this Fall's event. Pathways is October 7 & 8.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Report:

Rudy reported that there was a minor problem at PV Park, no guards were on duty at one point in one chair. Methods have been put in place to eliminate this issue. The skatepark meeting was held as previously reported. Capital spending has come in for the parks. They will be replacing fencing in places and bleachers. A discussion was held regarding the Boys & Girls Club working with the Parks Dept on joint programming and joint use of facilities. There is an ad hoc committee that will be doing a field trip to a place in Delaware to see how it's working already where the concept has been implemented.

Correspondence:

None to review.

1. Pompton Riverwalk

The Committee reviewed the 24 x 36 draft map of the Pompton Riverwalk and provided feedback. Joe Wells will review in more detail and provide comments back to Frank for finalization. Overall comments were positive as to look, with a need to organize and increase the size of the symbols on the map as they are difficult to distinguish without very close inspection. Joe asked if a finalized version could be produced for the September 16th Family Hoedown.

- NJDWSC – Bauer & Covello Easement Updates

Frank updated the committee. The NJ District Water Supply Commission has been sent a letter requesting public access easements across the Bauer and Covello properties. Ownership of water lines across these properties is not clear. The District feels that it has fee simple ownership. The letter to the District offers for the Township to prepare title work to determine ownership interest if that is needed.

2. Community Garden / School Garden Updates

Julie had no update.

3. Hoedown Preparations.

Joe Wells asked for more assistance and commitments to volunteering at the Hoedown from the Open Space Committee members.

Adjournment:

On motion of member Spizzirri with all in agreement, the meeting concluded at 8:43 PM.

**Next meeting is Scheduled for:
Monday, September 11th, 2017, 7:00 pm
530 Newark-Pompton Turnpike
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Respectfully Submitted,

Frank

Frank Pinto, Committee Facilitator