



**Township of Pequannock
Open Space Advisory Committee
September 11, 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):

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| X | Joseph Wells (Chairman) | X | Frank Spizzirri (Vice-Chair) | X | Robin Jones (Secretary) |
| X | Tom Andrea | X | Hon. Ryan Herd | X | Jeffrey Mauriello |
| X | Sean Mulhall | X | Robert Safarik | X | Rudy Steintal |
| X | Julie Unger | | | | |

Others Present (X):

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| 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 Safarik, the Open Session minutes of the (August 14, 2017) meeting were approved unanimously with member Mulhall abstaining, as he was not present.

Planning Board Report:

Mr. Mulhall reported from the July Planning Board meeting. The August meeting was cancelled.

Atlantic Health, 97 West Parkway, a 2nd entrance at rear parking lot was approved. Lighting concerns are being addressed with tree buffer. Deli Planet at 383 Turnpike had a variance request for a sign that was approved. There was a subdivision application for 32 Oak Avenue. Another car dealership is being proposed. Wayne Subaru is expanding its facility.

Township Council Report:

Hon. Herd reported on 84 Pequannock Ave. The Council approved the pursuit of acquisition of the property. Mr. Pinto has been in contact with the listing agent and will report on progress throughout the month.

Environmental Commission Report:

Mr. Mauriello said there was not an August meeting.

Historic District Commission Report:

Mr. Safarik reported that the Martin Berry House is still the subject, the management agreement between the Township and the Society. There is some discussion of the heating system and possible

geo-thermal system. Pathways – 20 different towns are now part of the day. It is a day for touring historic sites throughout Morris County. Effort is sponsored by the Morris County Heritage Commission. There might be an opportunity to have the front and back doors of the Martin Berry house open for small walk throughs.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Report:

Parks and Rec meeting was cancelled, scheduled for earlier this evening, September 11th.

Correspondence:

None to review.

Pending Items:

1. Pompton Riverwalk – the trail needs some maintenance. Joe would like to do some maintenance on Sept 20 and 21st weekend and asked for assistance.

84 Pequannock Ave Property update – following the unanimous vote of OS Comm members, the Committee is proceeding. Frank Pinto has been in contact with the listing agent and has made an offer on behalf of the Township. He is awaiting to hear from the agent.

NJDWSC – Bauer & Covello Easement Updates – Mr. Pinto reported that he has reached out on several occasions to get status of our request. He is waiting to hear back from the District.

Trails Mapping Update – Pinto reported that the kiosk map draft #2 was reviewed and will be finalized for the Hoedown.

2. Community Garden / School Garden Updates – Ms. Unger reported that she is waiting for input from the school's Principal.

3. Hoedown – Sept 16th – Update – Joe asked for assistance with the booth for Saturday. Rain date is Sunday the 17th.

3. Spinelli and Pinto Consulting, LLC - Report on Pending Projects

NYS&W Bike Trail – the archeological issues have passed. Final agreement with railroad is done. Projected start is Spring of '18. Easement with Wayne Township is approved. There were wetlands, a Phase I and they had to seek fill credits which all now seem to be resolved. The full plans have been submitted to NJDEP.

Hon. Herd began a conversation relative to the new flood CRS rules and the next flood event. He feels a pro-active approach to information sharing is needed prior to the next storm event in Pequannock. He feels that with the tightening of building codes that more people will likely walk away from their homes after an event. More details will be discussed at future meetings.

Adjournment:

On motion of member Spizzirri with all in agreement, the meeting concluded at 9:30 PM.

**Next meeting is Scheduled for:
Monday, October 11, 2017, 7:00 pm (Columbus Day)
530 Newark-Pompton Turnpike
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Respectfully Submitted,

Frank

Frank Pinto, Committee Facilitator