



**Township of Pequannock  
Open Space Advisory Committee**

January 13, 2020, 7:00 PM  
Municipal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
530 Newark-Pompton Turnpike  
Pompton Plains, NJ 07444

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wells at 7:02 pm.

Voting Members Present (X):

X	Joseph Wells (Chairman)	X	Frank Spizzirri (Vice-Chair)	X	Robin Jones (Secretary)
X	Tom Andrea	X	Kerry Heck	X	Hon. Ryan Herd
				X	Rudy Steinthal

Others Present (X):

X	Frank Pinto, 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 Steinthal seconded by Robin Jones, the Open Session minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

On motion of member Steinthal seconded by Robin Jones, the Executive Session minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

Township Council Report:

Mayor Herd reported that the Township Council held its re-organization. Ryan was selected as Mayor for 2020. Congratulations were given by the members. He reported that there will be a discussion in closed session about two parcels of possible open space acquisition. Chairman Wells reported that they will need a liaison from Historic Preservation and Planning Board. Mayor Herd stated that he could serve as the liaison from historic preservation; however, he cannot vote on open space committee matters and it may be a good idea to get another rep who can vote. Member Steinthal suggested approaching Jay Wanczyk for a recommendation.

Planning Board Report:

Tom Andrea reported that there is a development on Mountain Avenue where 5 residences are to be constructed. The matter came before the Township Council due to sewer. The property is roughly a 3-acre property. A discussion then ensued relative to sewer capacity in the township.

Environmental Commission Report:

Tom Andrea reported that they need to pay dues to the New Jersey Association of Environmental Commissions (NJAECE). The ERI is not on the website, and he will try to get that uploaded soon. April 9<sup>th</sup> is the river cleanup with Tom giving kudos to member Steinthal for all of his assistance with

coordinating that event. The plastic bag collection effort was discussed. The Library will be the drop off location for the bag drop offs. The Hoedown will be held a month later than its normal September date. They are looking to give it a Fall feel. Member Spizzirri expressed his dismay.

Historic Commission Report:

Mayor Herd reported that the commission reorganized. They would like to prepare an interpretive plan for the Martin Berry House and the railroad museum.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Report:

PV Park, they are going out to bid on concession stand. The Polar Plunge was successful. Member Andrea participated. The attendance was very high. It's run by high school students with some adult advisors. There was roughly \$10,000 raised over the last two years.

Correspondence: There is correspondence in the room; however, it was locked so no correspondence was discussed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On motion of member Spizzirri seconded by Jones, the Committee voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following six matters:

1. Pompton Riverwalk  
NJDWSC  
Phillips Edison  
Schaeffer
2. NYS&W Rail Trail
3. Harrison Road property offer
4. Pinto Consulting, LLC - Report on Pending acquisitions
5. Inventory of Ownership of Targeted Properties
6. Report on Discussion with Tax Assessor on Property Transfers

The open session reconvened at 7:52 PM.

Chairman Wells made a statement that he'd like to complete all of the features of the Riverwalk in 2020 and then turn the project over to Parks and Recreation. There would be a nice opportunity for a ribbon cutting as well.

Member Spizzirri brought up the issue of Green Acres ROSI database not having the most up to date ROSI information for Pequannock Township. Frank Pinto agreed to contact Green Acres and provide them with the latest ROSI filing and request they update their online database.

Member Jones brought up the issue of the tree plantings. The requirement is to maintain the trees for a 48-month period.

Adjournment:

On motion of member Spizzirri with all in agreement, the meeting concluded at 8:05 PM.

**Next meeting is Scheduled for:  
Monday, February 10, 2020; 7:00 pm  
530 Newark-Pompton Turnpike**

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Respectfully Submitted,

*Frank*

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Frank Pinto, Committee Facilitator