

FINAL MINUTES

Meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee

Borough of Peapack and Gladstone Municipal Building
1 School Street, Peapack, NJ 07977
7:30 PM Monday; February 11, 2019

Attendees

- Members (8)
 - Sujin Beckerman (OSAC Vice Chairperson)
 - Lucy Engebretson - Absent
 - Tom Hart - Arrived 7:50pm
 - Mike Seboria
 - Rich Rampinelli
 - Ron Silacci (OSAC Chairperson)
 - Steve Kinsey (OSAC Secretary)
 - Terese White
- Other Attendees
 - Jamie Murphy (Council Liaison to OSAC)
 - Chris Downing (LUB Liaison to OSAC)
 - Greg Skinner (Borough Mayor) - Absent
 - Beth Davisson (New Jersey Conservation)

Meeting Opening (Call to order & pledge of allegiance)

- The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Chairperson Jamie Murphy.

Determination of Quorum

- With 6 out of 8 members of OSAC present, a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Liberty Park

- Council recently received an update from DEP, whereby it was notified that 2 areas previously believed to be defined as “exceptional” were no longer identified as such and the town had more freedom to modify/update
- Council is going through the process of identifying costs associated with various proposed updates and/or park revisions
- A “Green Acre” matching grant (Min of \$50k) may be available for water quality issue updates/improvements, assuming town breaks ground in 2019
 - Submission deadline is March 30, 2019

Update provided by Beth Davisson (Name/organization to be confirmed)

- Beth proceeded to review a map showing an area around the Nelson and Tucker properties
 - Beth noted the “Tucker Property” applications provided to State Authorities were deemed acceptable and approvable; these lots were being considered for Farmland preservation using SADC funds
 - The more northwestern 35 acre “Nelson Property” is currently available for sale, but any preservation process could proceed
 - More southern 12 acre Nelson property could be evaluated for purchase using “Green Acres” grant funds (Somerset County and/or Highlands Council sources may be likeliest) and/or Open Space funding; Beth’s POV is that various non-profit organizations may be worth partnering with for supplemental grants and/or funds

Misc

- The potential need for and value of a property open space target list was discussed, with Beth advising this would be a recommendation for the OSAC to consider
- Mike Seboria noted historic OSAC files may show past target lists

Council & Liaison Updates

Council Update

- None provided

Recreation Committee

- None provided

Historic Committee

- None provided

Environmental Commission

- None provided

Next Meeting

- Next meeting is March 18, 2019, 7:30pm

Meeting Ending

- At 8:43pm a motion was passed to adjourn the meeting

Submitted by Steve Kinsey, OSAC Secretary, on March **XXX**, 2019