

**Meeting of the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic  
Preservation Advisory Committee**

**Borough of Peapack and Gladstone**

**Municipal Building**

**1 School Street, Peapack, NJ 07977**

**7:00 PM Monday December 17, 2018**

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**Attendees:**

Present from the Committee were the following:

- Tom Hart - Absent
- Jamie Murphy – OSAC Chairperson
- Mike Seboria
- Ron Silacci – Secretary
- Rich Rampinelli - Absent
- Sujin Beckerman OSAC Vice Chairperson
- Lucy Engebretson - Absent
- Amy Dietrich – Council Liaison to OSAC - Absent
- Bill Muller – Borough Mayor
- Steve Kinsey

**Meeting Opening (Call to order /Pledge of Allegiance)**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairperson Jamie Murphy.

**Determination of Quorum**

With 5 out of 8 members of OSAC present, a quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved. There were no meetings in October or November.

**Reorganization**

New members, chairperson and secretary were discussed.

### **Liberty Park Project.**

CVD presented a design for Liberty Park. They presented the major issues and items to change. Three design options (A, B, C) least expensive to most expensive were presented that addressed each issue. Some of the issues discussed were the pond water quality, edging, safety and Park Avenue. Approximately twenty five people voted. The design path was documented. The well and pond chemicals are in all options. Maintenance is included in the design options. Design proposals will be presented at the next CVD public meeting.

### **OSAC Funds**

Approximately, \$223K a year is generated into the OSAC fund. The OSAC Fund started out at \$1.329M and is now at \$1.145M.

New expenses could be the footbridge across Peapack creek that the Environmental/Trails committees are pursuing at the DPW site.

### **Agriculture**

The Tucker property (35 acres) just received an approval letter from the SADC. It is fine to move ahead with two appraisals.

The Nelson property is newer. There is a parcel on Willow plus a twelve acre parcel behind the Municipal building and up to Tiger Hill. The owners may not want to preserve it. There is an alternative for the town to purchase this property with Green Acres and Highlands grant money. Can bonds be used? Can Beth move forward on this property to purchase it for the town? The Council will have to approve Beth pursuing this alternative.

### **Recreation**

Santa arrived on December 9th for Christmas.

### **Environment/Trails**

Approval for a footbridge in Rock-a-bye Meadows was obtained. The Council said to hold off with moving forward with the Rock-a-Bye Meadows Bridge and look into getting approval for a bridge down by the old DPW site also. More grants are available for a coherent trail system. We will own the DPW site soon.

### **Council**

On the DPW Holland Avenue site, the borough has not taken the deed yet.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is January 14, 2019.

**Historical**

Amy reported the same status as last month, but the property is not yet acquired. Somerset hills need a survey to perform the turnover transaction.

**Meeting Ending**

At 8:13 PM a motion was passed to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by Ron Silacci, Secretary, on January 17, 2019.