

MEETING 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; May 20, 2019

Attendees

- Members (8)
 - Sujin Beckerman (OSAC Vice Chairperson)
 - Lucy Engebretson - Absent
 - Tom Hart - Absent
 - Steve Kinsey (OSAC Secretary)
 - Rich Rampinelli
 - Mike Seboria (OSAC Chairman)
 - Ron Silacci
 - Terese White
- Other Attendees
 - Jamie Murphy (Council Liaison to OSAC)
 - Roy Smith, PG Council
 - Beth Davisson. NJ Conservation
 - Amy Mendelbaum, NJ Agricultural, SADC
 - Greg Morris, PG Ag Committee Chair (Left approx 9pm)

Meeting Opening (Call to order & pledge of allegiance)

- The meeting was called to order at 8:42pm by Mike Seboria, seconded by Steve Kinsey

Determination of Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the April 8, 2019 meeting were reviewed by committee members and approved for submission. Motion by Mike Seboria, seconded by Sujin Beckerman. Approved by voice vote.

Presentation and Discussion – Open Space and Ag status

- Beth Davisson shared a map showing target properties identified a few years ago by Ag Committee
 - Tucker Property
 - Tucker property (Willow Ave) is in progress, appraisal has been completed and is being reviewed by the State, municipal contribution will be approx \$315k

- Beth/NJCF has submitted for a Highlands Open Space grant in the amount of \$350k that would cover/exceed Municipal portion eliminating PG's need to contribute towards property; estimated award timing would be 4Q/1Q; award could be used to pay back any municipal contribution made to close the Tucker property
 - Nelson Property
 - Status of Nelson property was discussed, which is in earlier stages.'
 - Northeastern portion of the property (Approx 40 acres) is being progressed for possible Farmland preservation.
 - Southwest portion, closest to the ballfields could be considered for Open Space preservation. Beth/NJCF believes the wooded 12 acre property could be submitted for County Open Space funds and/or a grant from a local NPO.
 - Should Beth/NJCF believe this route be pursued/used, and moves to close, the Non Profit will be the actual title owner

Council & Liaison Updates

- A financial document was shared that showed historical and forecasted open space funds from 2007 - 2021, suggesting the open space account fund will total approx \$2.546MM by YE 2019
- Beth from NJCF shared an informal assessment/map showing potential Open Space acquisition targets
- Council suggested OSAC review publicly available data sources / mapping websites that can help identify valuable OSAC targets, meeting timing will be identified at a later date

Misc

- As of May 2019, Peapack Gladstone has \$1.5MM in "available" SADC funds
- Going forward, rules might change by potentially reducing funds available for PG to use as they would be put up for a competitive award scenario

Council & Liaison Updates

Council Update

- None provided

Recreation Committee Update

- Community Day scheduled for June 8, rain date June 9
- Plans are underway for other activities

Trails Committee Update

- Trails committee legislatively as of 2013
- Roy Smith will be asking the Council to re-establish the committee as a sub-committee under the Environmental Commission

Historic Committee Update

- None provided

Environmental Commission Update

- Surveying property near DPW property to determine feasibility of connecting trails to Natirar

Next Meeting

- Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 22, 2019, 7:30pm

Meeting Ending

- At 10:10PM a motion was passed to adjourn the meeting

Submitted by Steve Kinsey, OSAC Secretary, on XXX