DRAFT Mtg Minutes

Meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee

Borough of Peapack and Gladstone Municipal Building 1 School Street, Peapack, NJ 07977 7:00 PM - Thursday - February 28, 2022

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Attendees

- Members
 - Sujin Beckerman Joined at 7:20pm
 - Lucy Engebretson not present
 - o Tom Hart Joined at 7:25pm
 - Steve Kinsey (Secretary) present
 - Mike Seboria (President) present
 - o Ron Silacci present
 - Therese White present
 - o Rich Rampinelli not present
- Other attendees
 - Ann Vandenbergh (representing Farmland)
 - Jamie Murphy

1) Meeting Opening (Call to order & pledge of allegiance)

• The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

2) <u>Determination of Quorum</u>

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

3) Current Topics

- Active/closed projects
 - Nelson property (on School St) transaction has closed; no discussions or agreements have taken place in terms of next steps; in general, its assumed the property will largely remain as open space - further development is not planned
 - Tucker property property remains under consideration, and progress is continuing with the transaction

- Likely town cost/outlay is only \$250k, likely to be covered by a Highland grant (Suggesting total acquisition price is ~\$1.25mm)
- John Smith property
 - Awaiting appraisals, plans to receive certification in March
- Potential and/or considered projects
 - Nelson (Willow Avenue portion; potential farmland preservation)
 - Aka Vernon Manor, approx 30 acres
 - Mike to identify owners and plan next steps for contacting
 - Hank Slack property
 - Anne to informally reach out to Hank to determine his current thinking regarding preservation; will include Lucy
 - Riverbend Farm property
 - No updates were provided
 - NEW: 2 piece property currently available for sale, connecting Willow to Lincroft (\$1.8mm)
 - Would likely use SADC vs Green Acres funding
 - Potential to split lot between a buildable lot at the top of Tiger Hill, and a 2nd lot at the bottom abutting Willow
 - Misc
 - Mike to contact Nancy to determine owners of all target properties, and will coordinate any contacts
- PG Open Space and Recreation Plan
 - Not finalized, but we did meet our obligation in terms of state timing
 - Farmland preservation committee is in charge
- OSAC funds
 - Per Jamie, no additional costs or overruns are forecasted for the Liberty Park project; approx 900 was withdrawn (Steve to confirm)
 - As of Jan 22, the fund had approx \$1.8 (Net of Liberty park funds)

4) Additional Updates

Council Update

- At the most recent council mtg, Mark Corigliano confirmed that OSAC funds are no longer being considered as funds have since been identified that are encumbered for the purposes of the fire truck
- Jamie's assumption is that the last remaining gap (~80k) will be funded by the 2022 capital budget

Environmental Commission

 Trail committee has contacted owner of large white farm west of Natirar, for the purpose of proposing a trail easement on their northern property

5) Additional Discussions

• n/a

6) Next Meeting

- Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 21 @ 7:00pm
- No mtg in April
- Mtg May 16
- Approximately 3rd monday of every month from then forward

7) Meeting Ending

• At 8:01 a motion was passed to adjourn the meeting

Submitted by Steve Kinsey, OSAC Secretary, on date tbd