

Meeting Notes

Meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee

Borough of Peapack and Gladstone Municipal Building

1 School Street, Peapack, NJ 07977

7:00 PM - Thursday - January 20, 2021

meeting hosted virtually via Zoom

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Attendees

- Members
 - Tom Hart
 - Therese White
 - Mike Seboria
 - Sujin Beckerman
 - Steve Kinsey
- Other attendees
 - Jamie Murphy (Council Liason)
 - Rich Rampinelli (Joined ~7:20pm)

Meeting Opening (Call to order & pledge of allegiance)

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Steve Kinsey, seconded by Sujin Beckerman

Determination of Quorum

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

Current & Active Topics

- Property updates:
 - Nelson property
 - Willow Avenue portion (Potential farmland preservation as of 2020) - put on hold due to potential/active sale
 - School Street portion (Potential open space preservation as of 2020) - PG passed authorization for a purchase in a town council meeting in the wk of Jan 11; town hopes to supplement funds externally (Somerset County OS, Green Acres)
 - Tucker property
 - No new updates were available
 - Additional, potential properties

- John Smith property - Some discussions ongoing to understand preservation opportunities and potential funding sources
 - Hank Slack property - No active discussions underway, although informal discussions have taken place regarding the potential; Mike to reach out to property owner to understand current status
 - Riverbend Farm property - No conversations have taken place
- Budget update
 - Approx \$1.4mm as of Jan 2021, which accounts for \$900k reduction (Approved and used for Liberty Park renovations/upgrade)
 - As a side note, town did receive approx \$100k in grant money
 - Enhanced Somerset County Open Space program and funding
 - Steve K to forward Courier News article referencing this program to Jamie Murphy
- Update of Open Space and Recreation Plan
 - Needs to be refreshed every 10 years; as of Jan 2021, this is needed soon
 - Town planner (John Szabo) will begin process; Jamie Murphy to request status update; OSAC will invite John to attend next meeting

Additional Updates

Council Update

- No additional updates shared beyond content written above

Recreation Committee

- No updates shared

Trails Committee

- No updates shared

Historic Committee

- Lime Kiln landscaping & soil stabilization project was completed in 2020

Environmental Commission

- No updates shared

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be held in Feb @ 7:00pm, date to be confirmed

Meeting Ending

- At 7:45pm a motion was passed to adjourn the meeting

Submitted by Steve Kinsey, OSAC Secretary