

DRAFT 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 6, 2022

Meeting hosted virtually via Zoom

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Attendees

- Members present
 - Mike Seboria (OSAC chairman)
 - Steve Kinsey (OSAC secretary)
 - Lucy Engebretson
 - Therese White
 - Ron Silacci
 - Tom Hart (Joined ~7:20pm)

- Other attendees present
 - Nancy Bretzger
 - John Szabo, Burgis Associates; joined 7:34pm
 - Alix Bacon, NJCF
 - Jamie Murphy (Council representative)
 - Chris Downing (LUB representative)

- 1) **Meeting Opening (Call to order & pledge of allegiance)**
 - The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Mike Seboria, seconded by Steve Kinsey

- 2) **Determination of Quorum**
 - With 6 out of 8 members of OSAC present, a quorum was established.

- 3) **Current Topics**
 - New Jersey Conservation Foundation update (As provided by Alix)
 - Former Nelson property (on School St) scheduled to close Jan, final paperwork being completed now
 - Tucker property owner reviewing the latest proposal provided to him/her

- Smith appraisals are in process, and will be finished Feb 2022
- Mike will assist Alix from NJCF in contacting owners of the Nelson property, along with the Petrucci/Petroccia (sp?) property, est at ~200 acres
- Alix was also asked to contact Hank Slack for his property on Fowler to be considered (~55 acres)
- Nancy to provide block/lot numbers to assist Alix in contacting owners
- Add'l property updates:
 - Former Nelson property
 - Willow Avenue portion (Potential farmland preservation)
 - No further updates shared re: Tucker property, John Smith property, Hank Slack property, or Riverbend Farm property
- PG Open Space and Recreation Plan, Presentation & Discussion (John S)
 - Only properties owned by borough are to be recorded on the ROSI
 - Trail map provided by John Szabo should not be considered a formally surveyed map
 - John has added language to the OSRP noting our desire to provide a connection across 206 between the East portion of PG to the new SJP property/development being considered
 - John will provide a draft OSRP for OSAC consideration on Jan7, which will then be redistributed to the community for an open, public LUB hearing on Jan 19 for discussion and, hopefully, adoption
 - John was asked to add language to the OSRP that encourages various stakeholders to look for opportunities to preserve open space/green acre properties at the top of St John's drive, prior to the Mendham town border

4) **Additional Updates**

Council Update

- No significant updates shared
- Some minor delays being experienced with Liberty Park renovations, no significant issues exist
- Steve to contact GP, with a cc to Jamie and Nancy, asking for a budget update re: Liberty Park, specifically how much is being used from OSAC
- Nancy will ask PG CFO (Dale) to provide quarterly accounting updates

Recreation Committee

- No update provided

Trails Committee

- No longer an active, standalone committee
- No update provided

Historic Committee

- No updates provided

Environmental Commission

- No updates provided

5) **Additional Discussions**

- OSAC agreed to meet bi-monthly, and provide informal updates in between meetings
- Generally, first Thursday of the month starting March 3, 2022

6) **Next Meeting**

- Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for _March 3_ 7:00pm

7) **Meeting Ending**

- At 9:05pm a motion was passed to adjourn the meeting

Submitted by Steve Kinsey, OSAC Secretary, on tbd