

Delaware Township Open Space Committee Minutes

Monday, June 15, 2020

Prepared by Katherine Fullerton, Open Space Coordinator

Open Space Chairperson Rosalind Westlake called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Open Space Coordinator Katherine Fullerton took the roll call. In attendance were: Rosalind Westlake, Larry Coffey, Emy Drew, Kathy Katz, Joshua Goldman, Susan Lockwood, Steven Smotrich, and Josh Petruchelli.

Member Coffey made a motion to approve the February 18, 2018 meeting minutes and Member Katz seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Update of Existing Applications

The OS Committee received an update on the following applications:

- Maresca – The SADC is continuing to do their own title search to find any other potential easement access for the cemetery from any other adjacent property.
- Lee/Lau – They are back in the country and area, so we have started the closing process as of where we were in September. There are updates needed for the Title and the Survey. It was also noted that the County does not pay for services in full until the SADC signs off on the work and the property closes. It is recommended that Delaware Township adopt this practice. It will still be a few weeks until the closing.
- Cizek – Has been busy in the past few weeks. The forms for the Green Acres grant is coming along, the Project Agreement has been signed digitally and returned to Green Acres. The funds from Green Acres will take a while to process, so Delaware Township will still need to wire the funds. D&R Greenway has an addendum to a form that the Mayor signed in January, which he will be able to sign next Tuesday after the Township Committee meeting. D&R Greenway was hoping that the Mayor could sign the closing documents that day as well, but it is unlikely that the Township will be able to transfer funds that quickly.
- Curtis Farm – Alix Bacon has reported that the application to the County has gone well and that NJCF has submitted a non-profit application to the SADC for the preservation of the Curtis farm. Preserving the farm in this way will not require any funds from the Township.
- Herrman Farm – This application was pulled. The applicant found it too difficult to obtain access across the neighbor's property.

County Open Space Committee Update

Member Goldman was not able to attend the most recent County Open Space Committee, so he did not have an update.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

Member Smotrich reported on the OSRP. The Commission is still working on incorporating the comments. Evan Gillespie, an Eagle Scout, has finished the bocci court. There will be fireworks at Dilts park on September 12. The fireworks will have some sort of social distancing or limited number of people attending. The Crate Race had to be postponed. Community Day is tentatively scheduled for October 3. There was a reiteration of a request for a map of the trails in Delaware Township, since so many people are hiking more. Coordinator Fullerton will reconnect with NJCF about their ability to provide trail maps. It was also reported that doing more with the Village Green for recreation purposes has been discussed and could be a good future Eagle Scout project.

Comments from the Committee

None of the Members had any comments.

Chairperson Westlake opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no public, she closed the meeting to the public.

Member Petruchelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Member Goldman seconded the motion. The meeting ended at approximately 7:50pm.