

Delaware Township Open Space Committee Minutes
Monday, March 15, 2021
Prepared by Rosalind Westlake, Open Space Chair

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Open Space Chairperson Rosalind Westlake called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Westlake and she took the roll call. In attendance were: Larry Coffey, ~~Emily Drew~~, Joshua Goldman, Kathy Katz, Susan Lockwood, ~~Josh Petrucci~~, Steven Smotrich, Rosalind Westlake.

The Committee discussed the review of the February 16, 2021 meeting minutes and decided that the minutes should be tabled to be reviewed and adopted at the April meeting.

Update of Existing Applications

The OS Committee received an update from Chair Westlake on the following applications:

- Lee/Lau – This property is still in the process of title review but that the survey has been approved.
- Curtis Farm – This is an NJCF project with no Township involvement.

- The Yerk Property - This property has been in the works for about a year, but the property is undersized and not eligible unless the adjacent property is included. Bob Hornby is working with the owners.

New Applications/Updates

Chair Westlake advised that she learned that Ken Johnson had passed away and that his estate is in probate. Chair Westlake agreed to contact Bob Hornby about contact with the Executor to discuss preservation.

Farmland Preservation Plan Discussion

Member Coffey advised that he would be sharing the Plan with the Agricultural Advisory Committee and that once the AAC comments were received, the OSC could finalize the Farmland Preservation Plan for presentation to the Planning Board and Township Committee.

County Open Space Committee Update

Member Goldman announced that there has been no County Open Space Committee meeting yet. There was no update.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

Member Smotrich advised that the Plan Update had been submitted to the County and that the Recreation Commission was working on creating a new element for the Master Plan to focus on Dilts Park and the Village Green.

Comments from the Committee

The Committee members discussed the urgent need to fill the position of Open Space Coordinator. Chair Westlake advised that only one applicant had applied for the position, the part-time Township Clerk, Tiffany Crivelli. Chair Westlake agreed to reach out to Bob Hornby and others for suggestions for Open Space Coordinators. The Committee also discussed the possibility of extending the application period for an additional three weeks and to confirm that all applications needed to be submitted to Diane McDaniel. The Committee agreed to discuss the filling of the position at the next meeting of the Open Space Committee.

The Committee members also discussed the fact that Members Drew and Petruchelli had not attended any meetings for several months. It was decided that Chair Westlake would contact each and inquire as to whether they wished to continue as a Committee member.

Meeting Open to the Public

There were no members of the public present, so the Chair closed the meeting to the public.

Member Smotrich made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Member Goldman seconded the motion. The meeting ended at approximately 8:15 pm.