

Delaware Township, Open Space Committee

DRAFT December 18, 2023 Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Delaware Township Open Space Committee was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Chair Rosalind Westlake

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Notice Requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Proper notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Trenton Times, and the Star Ledger, posted at the Delaware Township Municipal Building and filed with the Township Clerk.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chair led the Committee in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Larry Coffey, Rosalind Westlake, Susan Lockwood, Steve Smotrich, Mark Wright, Kathy Katz, Karin Peklak

Absent: Heidi Kovacs, Joshua Goldman

REVIEW OF MINUTES

November 20, 2023 Minutes were approved on Motion by Member Coffey and second by Member Wright, Member Peklak and Member Katz abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

Member Coffey advised that the application by Gale Byrnes for Blk 6, Lot 7 on Boars Head Road was approved by the Agricultural Advisory Committee for review; Chair Westlake will reach out to B. Hornby regarding next steps for submission.

Letter to the Township Committee regarding proposal for Coordinator position was submitted to TC. Member Lockwood advised that TC discussed request and that TC tabled the request until 2024.

HUNTERDON COUNTY OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE UPDATE

None.

GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Member Katz provide copy of handout showing proposed landing page for Public Access Open Space.

WEBSITE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Member Peklak presented a number of links related to land preservation to be added to the Open Space page; discussion ensued regarding options for layout of web page including buttons to be included for access to the Farmland Preservation Plan, the Open Space and Recreation Plan, and Map. FAQs for the land preservation process to be developed from the flyer sent out last year; Chair Westlake to follow up on status of SADC review of the FPP; Member Smotrich to have Rec. Commission refer Open Space/Rec. Plan to Planning Board for approval; additional charts to be developed and added identifying what has been preserved/how many acres, etc.

NEWS/UPDATES FOR WEBSITE & THE BRIDGE (Quarterly)

Member Lockwood advised that the Open Space Flyer that was prepared would be used as the basis for an article for the Bridge and that deadline for submission is 1.31.24.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jan Weber noted that TC meetings are being recorded and posted on YouTube.

COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Meeting dates for 2024 were discussed; it was agreed that meetings would be scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of January and February and that thereafter meetings would be held on the 3rd Monday of each month.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Member Smotrich, second by Member Wright to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalind Westlake, Chair