TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 10/3/16

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Peter J. O'Neill in the Large Conference Room.

The salute of the American Flag took place in the Public Meeting Room

Members present were: Frank Alansky, Richard Pfluger, Peter J. O'Neill and Joanna Askey.

Approval of the July and September minutes will be carried to the next meeting.

The committee's business agenda:

- 1. The committee has not received any feedback regarding our suggested revisions to the Open Space Element, Joanna will continue to follow up.
- 2. Chairman O'Neill provided a status report on the Vision Committee: the land swap process is ongoing as is the topographical survey of the combined park parcels. There is a Vision Committee meeting on Thursday so there may be further updates to report at our next meeting.
- 3. The committee will revise and update the 2010 Open Space Properties Report. One difficulty our committee has with respect to planning open space projects is that it is unclear how much funding is or will be available in the township's open space trust fund. It would be helpful to know the balance as well as cash flow in and out of the fund.
- 4. Discussion of a possible boat dock on township property adjacent to the Eberle Property. The township owns approximately 10 acres to the west of the Eberle Property which provides river access. We would like to explore if/how this property could be utilized for passive recreation. A related project is a riverside trail from the Berkeley Heights border to Mountain Avenue in Gillette.
- 5. We considered additional township owned open space parcels which could provide river access and boat launches connecting one end of the township to the other. Sites included township property on the west end of Bungalow Terrace, Peninsula Park and South Main Street. Boat launch projects could be coordinated with Morris County.
- 6. Discussion of the potential trail commencing at Millington Schoolhouse and trailhead at the Schoolhouse.
- 7. Joanna will look into how to better utilize MCPRIMA online maps for our meetings.
- 8. Public comments and announcements: none.
- Meeting ended at 9:30 upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on November 7, 2016 in the large conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna L. Askey