

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES 1/9/17**

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

Members present were: Frank Alansky, Brendan Rae, Jerry Aroneo, Don Farnell, Richard Pfluger, Peter J. O'Neill and Joanna Askey.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved unanimously by members.

1. Vision Committee update: A required public hearing for the Central Park land swap will take place on February 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Long Hill Township Municipal Building. The public is invited to attend and offer comments.

The Vision Committee also discussed the possibility of opening up trails in Central Park so that the public will be able to enjoy some use of the area before the park is designed and developed.

2. We discussed last month's resolution recommending that the Township retain a landscape architect to represent and advise the Township in matters relating to the construction of the new park. This person would assist in hiring and supervising a park design firm and would also be available to advise committees such as the OSC and Shade Tree Committee as needed.

We believe that retaining a professional who will have overall responsibility for advising the Township will greatly aid in making progress and coordinating planning. We discussed this with Don Farnell, whom we have recommended for this position.

3. The Township Administrator's office has agreed to investigate the issue of the layout of Railroad Avenue. Paper streets including Railroad Avenue will provide access from Stirling to Township open space and Central Park.
4. Joanna will look into coordinating with Morris County regarding plans the County may have for passive recreation such as trails or canoe launches along our area of the Passaic River.
5. We discussed possible locations for a future dog park.
6. Public comments and announcements: none.
7. Meeting ended at 8:57 p.m. upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on February 9, 2017 in the Large Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanna L. Askey