

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL**  
**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES 2/5/18**

The meeting was called to order at 7:48 p.m. by Peter J. O'Neill in the Large Conference Room.

Members present were: Richard Pfluger, Peter J. O'Neill, Joanna Askey, George Armenti, Frank Alansky and Brendan Rae. Also present: Lisa Vaga, Millington

Minutes of the December meeting were approved unanimously by members.

1. Ms. Vaga has inquired about clearing a trail along the paper street running between High Street and Long Hill Road. The path would bypass Long Hill Road and provide a safer way to walk to downtown Stirling and the train station and would also provide access to the Hick's tract trail system and downtown Millington. She mentioned that some other residents would also like to see a path here. Markus Vaga has volunteered to help with trail clearing and maintenance.

Increasing walkability and connecting green spaces are Township planning goals. We will ask the Township Engineer for an estimate to prepare a survey so we can look into feasibility, particularly with respect to adjacent properties and topography.

2. The Vision Committee meeting was cancelled so there is no report.
3. The Township Administrator's office has reported there will be additional survey work at Railroad Avenue to address the street layout issue.
4. The secretary will do her best to ensure the minutes are posted in as timely a manner as possible.
5. Over the past several months there have been concerns raised about alleged improper dumping, storage of trucks and equipment, etc. on Township owned property at the eastern end of Railroad Avenue. Residents will walk and bike through this area to get to Central Park; it was recommended the Township investigate the dumping/storage issue.
6. Discussion of topographical issues at Gillette open space and the need for a survey; we have requested an estimate from the Township Engineer.
7. We discussed next steps on the canoe launch project. We agreed that before we meet with the county again we should ensure there is Township Committee support and that we have a plan in place so we can make progress in an efficient manner. It was pointed out that increasing passive recreation opportunities along the Passaic River is part of the Township Master Plan/Open Space Element.
8. Public comments and announcements: none.
9. Meeting ended at 9:15 p.m. upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on March 5, 2018 in the Large Conference Room.