

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL**  
**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES 5/7/18**

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m. by Peter J. O'Neill in the Large Conference Room.

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

Minutes of the February meeting were approved unanimously by members.

1. Vision Committee update: The land swap approval process is being held up by DEP concerns about illegal debris which have been dumped on Township property.

There has been discussion about clearing a trail running from Stirling open space into Central Park and to the Municipal Complex. George suggested going in between Essex and Morris Streets because there is higher ground there.

Chairman O'Neill has encouraged members to attend Vision Committee meetings.

2. Last month Peter and Joanna met with the Township Engineer to coordinate status on various issues. (1) Railroad Avenue: survey work has been completed; (2) estimates have been provided for surveys for Peninsula Park/Gillette/High Street. Paul suggested contacting the County to see if they have survey information for Peninsula Park-- which we have done and the County has provided a survey. Paul will be able to provide some LIDAR data on Gillette Park which may help us make some preliminary determinations as to feasibility of use for passive recreation.

Chairman O'Neill intends to research historic deed information for Railroad Avenue.

Joanna has been following up on the High Street paper street.

3. The Somerset County Division of Engineering is soliciting public input for the redesign of the bridge on Valley Road on the border of Long Hill and Bernards Township. As this is one of the areas which we had considered for river access, a suggestion was made that the OSC submit a statement requesting that plans for a canoe/kayak launch next to the bridge be incorporated into the redesign project. There is extremely limited parking at the Morris County property adjacent to the bridge and there is a very short yet steep descent to the river. The area could definitely be improved to make it more accessible for recreational boating. We will prepare a submission and see if we can get some support from Township administration; we will also contact the Lord Stirling Environmental Center canoe/kayak program for any feedback they can provide.
4. Brief discussion about the future of the Thermoplastics site.

5. Meeting ended at 9:10 p.m. upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on June 4, 2018 in the Large Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna L. Askey