

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES 6/4/18

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by Peter J. O'Neill in the Large Conference Room.

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

Minutes of the May meeting were approved unanimously by members.

1. Vision Committee update: Debris cleanup is moving forward as this must be completed before the land swap proceeds. Meeting with landscape architects has been held in abeyance. Chairman O'Neill suggested the Township consider the style of fencing adjacent to the railroad tracks at Snyder Avenue Park as a possibility for Central Park/Stirling open space fencing. Rich plans to attend the next Vision Committee meeting.
2. Discussion of future open space spending/collections; there is some sentiment on Township Committee that Central Park purchase should be paid off before there is any more spending from Open Space Trust Fund.
3. The Vision Committee is looking for a volunteer to stake out a walking path running from Stirling open space east of Railroad Avenue to Town Hall. There was some discussion over logistics, such as how to/who will determine the best course of the path. Rich has volunteered to flag out a possible path.
4. Discussion of our proposal for a boat launch adjacent to the Valley Road Bridge. Joanna will take care of submitting the proposal to the Township Committee and the Somerset County Division of Engineering. There is a public information meeting on Thursday which Rich will attend if possible.
5. Chairman O'Neill and Rich intend to research historic deed information for Railroad Avenue.
6. Discussion of the proposed path along High Street paper street. Based on information we have received from the Township Attorney and Administrator, a path is not feasible at this time. Joanna will follow up with the residents who had made the request.

On a related point, Morris County Trail Construction Grants cannot be used for survey work for trail planning purposes. However, we were told we should check back with the County in the future since the grant program is new and evolving.

7. Meeting ended at 9:20 p.m. upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on July 9, 2018 in the Large Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna L. Askey