

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL**  
**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES 7/9/18**

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. 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: Peter J. O'Neill, Joanna Askey, George Armenti, Rich Pfluger and Frank Alansky.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved unanimously by members.

1. Vision Committee update: further discussion on progress of debris cleanup at Railroad Avenue/Central Park sites.
2. The Township Administrator has submitted our letter requesting that an improved boat launch be included in the Valley Road Bridge project.
3. We plan to finish up our visits to the other proposed boat launch sites. Our goal is to prepare a plan including a map showing proposed launch locations and cost information for improvements to each site.
4. There was further discussion of the proposed trail from Railroad Avenue through Central Park to Town Hall. Members of the committee have walked the site and there are expanses of wet ground to work around. Planning the best route (which would minimize the number of boardwalks etc. which may be needed) might not be a task for one volunteer, and some professional assistance may be in order given the site's environmental constraints.

Ideally, this trail would be planned as part of the overall park design. If hiring a professional is out of the question at this point, another option could be looking into the availability of landscape architecture students. It was reiterated that at this time Morris County trail construction grants cannot be used to pay for trail planning/design/survey work.

5. Discussion of Open Space Trust Fund collections.
6. At this point a survey of Gillette open space is cost prohibitive, but the Township Engineer may be able to provide some other mapping data. Joanna will follow up.
7. Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m. upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on August 6, 2018 in the Large Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna L. Askey