

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 9/10/18

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 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 and Rich Pfluger.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved unanimously by members.

1. Approval of 2019 meeting dates.
2. Vision Committee update: Review and discussion of the Vision Committee May meeting minutes; discussion of availability of open space/blue acres funding pending Central Park cleanup.
3. Chairman O'Neill, Rich and George plan to meet with the Township Engineer to discuss status of open space matters.
4. We have inquired with Morris County Parks about the status and possible contact person for Passaic River desnagging as had been discussed at our meeting with the parks commission last year.
5. The Master Plan Committee has emailed a copy of the revised Open Space Element to all current members of the OSC with the request for any feedback members may have. It was noted that the revised Element includes suggestions we had previously offered at the start of the revision process. We approved the revised Element and we thank the MPC for their efforts.
6. We received a written response from the Morris County Engineer regarding our suggestion for a canoe/kayak launch adjacent to the Valley Road bridge: the request has been documented with community outreach and feasibility will be assessed at the engineering stages of the project; DEP permit requirements and funding availability will also be considered.
7. We had previously reached out to the Great Swamp Watershed Association in their role as Passaic River Waterkeeper Alliance Affiliate for their possible endorsement of our bridge project submission. We received a response stating that the GSWA supports improved public access the river and desnagging to make boating more feasible and to reduce flooding. We will keep this in mind for possible future collaboration.
8. As our focus is not currently on land acquisitions we are expanding our scope to passive recreation projects such as the canoe launch project.
9. Meeting ended at 8:34 p.m. upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on October 1, 2018 in the Large Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna L. Askey