

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2015**

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent
Mrs. Allen	x	
Mr. Becker	x	
Mr. Heller	x	
Mr. Huelsebusch	x	
Dr. Hendrickson	x	
Dr. Kelly	x	
Mrs. Madon	x	
Mrs. Sabin	x	
Mr. John	x	
Mr. Klotz	x	
Mrs. Duffy	x	

Members of the Public: Kim Yousey, Kristine Cromwell

1. Mr. Huelsebusch called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.
2. The Board unanimously commended Mr. Klotz for his past years leadership as Chairman.
3. The membership roster for 2015 was reviewed. The Board welcomed Mrs. Duffy as the Township Committee representative.
4. The Board voted to have 2015 meetings begin a 7:00 PM on February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4. Meetings could be canceled if appropriate.
5. Mr. Huelsebusch provided a list of project coordinators and asked members to review activities and make short status report at the February meeting.
6. Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes of November 5, 2014 were approved.
7. Correspondence/Other information: None
8. Regular Reports:
 - a. Preservation activities:
 - i. Two farmland preservation easements owned by the Township are waiting reimbursement by the county and state. Properties are on Lazy Brook and Route 202.
 - ii. Two landowners have active Farmland Preservation applications: the 23 acre Cole farm on Readington Road, 34 acres of the Schley farm on Island Road. Both are awaiting preservation status.
 - iii. Green Acres projects: A 5 acre woodlot on the Cole Road Greenway is under contract, and a 29 acre Dreahook Road property is contract pending. Both are meant to satisfy the Transco Diversion requirement.
 - b. County Open Space: Dr. Kelly expects reports to continue.
9. Old Business:
 - a. Current Projects:

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i. Mr. Heller reported that he and Scout Vitale had reviewed initial plan for trail in Cushetunk Nature Park.

ii. The hike plan for 2015 was reviewed. Mr. Klotz and Mrs. Allen will finalize.

10. New Business:

a. Dr. Kelly commented on the Forest Health project undertaken by RVCC students. They will present findings of data obtained in Readington at the April meeting.

b. Information was provided that some of the Kiosks needed repair and maps would need updating. Mr. Becker asked members to let him know of these situations.

c. Mr. Heller indicated that ATV's have been eroding trails in the Pleasant Run Greenway. He and Mrs. Allen will review the areas and ask DPW to get "no ATV allowed" signs posted.

d. Grants: Mr. Becker reviewed the proposed scope for a Sustainable New Jersey grant to develop the Forest Hill Preserve. It is still not clear of the status for DEP trail grants. If available, the Lazy Brook trail project should be pursued.

e. Mr. Becker reviewed his work and whether Microsoft Onenote could be used by the Board for posting and collaborating on documents. He will review with Mr. Huelsebusch before demonstrating to Board members.

11. Comments from the Public: None

12. Comments from the Board: None

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM.