

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 5, 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:** Kyle Mattson, Trish McGuire, Christine Cromwell (RTA)

1. Mr. Huelsebusch called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.
2. Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes of June 3, 2015 were approved.
3. Correspondence/Other information: To Chairman from Vita Mekovetz: memo regarding Farmland Preservation of Profeta Farms.
4. Regular Reports:
  - a. Preservation and Green Acres activities:
    - i. Schley and Cole properties in review for appraisals.
  - b. County Open Space: No report.
  - c. Readington Township: No report.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Township Administration opened bids for deer hunting on properties including provisions requested by OSAB. Bidding is still being completed and will be reviewed next meeting for any corrective measures.
  - b. Mr. Klotz reviewed instances of abuse of Open Space property. The Township zoning office is reviewing a concern near the Woodschurch Farm Loop trail. The dump on Edgewood Road has been removed.
6. New Business:

a. Kyle Mattson Troop 186, Three Bridges, presented his plan for adding two benches on Cole Road East and one on the Lachenmayr trail. After discussion and some minor changes, OSAB approved the project.

b. The next trail hike is scheduled for September 20 on the River Trail. The October hike will be on Pleasant Run.

c. Trish McGuire was introduced as planning coordinator to review improved utilization of Cushetunk Nature Center. She is forming steering committee. OSAB members Sabin, Klotz and Allen agreed to be members.

d. Mr. Becker reported that the deer enclosure on Round Mt. was almost complete. Raritan Valley students have completed an inventory of trees on the Forest Hill property. The Township Committee has approved the Community Forestry Management Plan 2014 – 2018 as a blue print and requested OSAB to form a review committee to recommend the benefit, priority of actions and cost to the Township by January, 2017. Members Hendrickson, Heller, Kelly and Becker are participating.

e. The committee reviewed a proposed response to Vita Mekovetz regarding a request from the New Jersey Direct State Acquisition Program that the Township transfer funds from the Township and County Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) to help support farmland preservation of the 343 acre Profeta property. OSAB by vote approved the request. Additional editing of the response will be sent to members for final review.

f. Christine Cromwell brought to the OSAB's attention that the plowing of the Cole Road East Greenway fields under the powerline would prevent vehicle access and jeopardize RTA events. Christine and Mrs. Allen will meet to review the situation and seek alternatives.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 PM.