

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 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: Susan Masinda, Trish McGuire, Jerry Cook

1. Mr. Huelsebusch called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes of October 7, 2015 were not available and will be considered at the next meeting.
3. Correspondence/Other information: None
4. Regular Reports:
 - a. Preservation and Green Acres activities:
 - i. A partial payment from the State on the Toll acquisition has been received.
 - ii. The 22 acre Cole farm and the Schley farm are progressing.
 - iii. A property on the Raritan River is pursuing preservation.
 - iv. Mr. Huelsebusch and Mrs. Duffy will follow-up on the status of the Transco funds.
 - b. County Open Space: No report.
 - c. Readington Township: No report.
 - d. Open Space hike scheduled for November 15 on Round Mt. It was suggested by Mr. Heller that a three month look ahead hike schedule be posted in trail system kiosks.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Mr. Becker reported that he and Scott Jesseman from Township DPW attended the Forest Management required CORE training and the Township will be qualified for grants available early 2016. A team is being identified to review the 2014

Forest Management plan and review priority and benefits of the recommendations suggested in the plan.

b. Trish McGuire reported on the Cushetunk Nature Center project to establish a long term plan for the property. Initial efforts have been on committee organization and understanding the area topography.

c. Chris John reminded members that November 21 at 9:00 AM was a work session on the River Trail.

d. OSAB is still waiting for the results of the deer leases for internal documentation.

6. New Business:

a. Mr. Klotz reviewed an incident that occurred at the East Whitehouse property regarding property lines. Private land exists between the two Township properties and on the bank of the Rockaway Creek. Various options were discussed. Mrs. Allen will contact Mayor Fort to meet with Mr. Huelsebusch and Mrs. Duffy to be updated on the opportunities and suggested direction.

b. Various members have been contacted by the public regarding violations of open space land. Instances of motorized bikes and refuge dumping were cited. Mr. Huelsebusch felt that a reporting process was required which he will review with Mrs. Duffy. Other members felt that complaints should be handled by the appropriate Township authority and not OSAB.

c. Mr. Huelsebusch passed out a draft 2015 progress report for members to review. He requested comments and accomplished activities be return to him for inclusion in the annual report.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM.