

Readington Township Open Space Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2023

PRESENT:

MEMBER	JAN 4	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 5	MAY 3	JUN 7	AUG 2	SEP 6	OCT 4	NOV 1
Mr. Huelsebusch, Chair	X		X	X	X	X				
Ms. Allen, Vice Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Mr. Bola	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Dr. Hendrickson	X	X		X	X	X	X			
Mr. John	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Dr. Kelly					X					
Mr. Mueller	X	X		X		X	X			
Mr. Orlandi		X			X	X				
Ms. Owen	X		X	X	X		X			
Mr. Dunn, 1 st Alternate	X	X		X	X					
Mr. Klotz, 2nd Alternate	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Frank Leshik, Brian Skowronek

Emanuel Bola called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM announcing all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

COMMUNITY:

- 1) **Website:** John Klotz stated that the June open space walk was posted to the Twp website. John stated that he submitted the walk info to the Facebook page, however, it was never posted.
- 2) **Event Updates:** nothing to report.
- 3) **Open Space Walks:** John Klotz stated that the August 20th open space walk will be held on the Lachenmayr Trail.
- 4) **Volunteer Sessions:** Nothing to report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: deferred to next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: John Klotz presented photos of debris left on Case Ave. (Forest Hill Preserve) and his correspondence with Zoning Official, Christina Schwartz. Discussion held on

posting “No Dumping” signs in the area. Adam Mueller stated that this will be addressed by posting on the Township Facebook page with photos.

REPORTS:

- 1) **Farmland Preservation / Green Acres:** Julia Allen stated that the Township is still waiting to close on the Barren/Barrets Joy Farm and Pascale Farm.
- 2) **Hunterdon County Parks / OSAB:** nothing to report.
- 3) **Environmental Commission Update:**
 - a. Neil Hendrickson stated he recently visited the La Finca (sp?) site with Jason Giroud to assess the gully and PSE&G easement area along the Holland Brook. Neil stated that the site suffered storm damage and the gully section is now much wider. Neil stated that he and Jason will revisit the area in November because it will be easier to maneuver through the ground cover.
 - b. Neil updated the board on the status of the Environmental Resource Inventory. Neil stated that Princeton Hydro needs input data from other Township boards and they are hoping to receive that info by September/October.
 - c. Adam Mueller stated that the leased hunting properties were awarded. In addition, the individual hunting program will have 53 participants this year.
- 4) **WaterWatch Updates:** nothing to report.
- 5) **Township Updates:** Adam Mueller stated that he, along with others, are currently working on the Solid Waste & Recycling bid specs.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- 1) **Trails Subcommittee:** John Klotz stated that seven (7) new kiosks have been installed at various park trailheads. Anne Owen stated that the kiosks will be filled with new brochures/maps and furnished with new signs. Emanuel Bola distributed an updated Township trails map.
- 2) **Stewardship:** nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Frank Leshik asked about plans for maintaining the trees at Dobozyński Farm. Brian Skowronek asked about trail access on the Lightfield property.

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COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD: Adam Mueller stated that the conservation easement issue/conflict with the owners of the Lane farm has been resolved. Adam stated that Public Works now has access on the easement in order to maintain the Township owned fields.

Neil Hendrickson spoke about a new invasive species, the Hammerhead Worm.

ADJOURN: Adam Mueller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Klotz, followed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Meg A. Slutter