

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES 7/11/16

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Peter J. O'Neill in the Large Conference Room.

The salute of the American Flag took place in the Public Meeting Room.

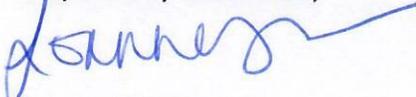
Members present were: Brendan Rae, Jerry Aroneo, Richard Pfluger, Peter J. O'Neill and Joanna Askey.

Minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously by members. Approval of last month's minutes will be carried to the next meeting.

The committee's business agenda:

1. Present members have agreed on the revisions to the Open Space Element of the Township Master Plan. We will give the remaining members an opportunity to review the changes and will finalize at the next meeting.
2. Jerry and Chairman O'Neill provided a status report for the Vision Committee. The land swap needs to be finalized before park plans can progress. Township properties to the west of Central Park will be surveyed. A separate necessary project will be mapping out the Township paper streets/right of ways providing access to Township parkland from Stirling.
3. The committee considered possible updates to the 2010 Open Space Report.
4. The committee discussed whether the Township would submit a trails application for the current funding cycle of the MCOSTF.
5. Regarding a trail network from (1) Millington School to Town Hall and (2) Town Hall to Meyersville Center: members are encouraged to think about the best way for a connection between Town Hall and Meyersville Center given environmental issues and the problem of crossing Long Hill Road.
6. The Township has closed on three of the flood prone properties acquired through the flood mitigation program; the rest are in process.
7. Public comments and announcements: None.
8. Meeting ended at 9:45 upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on August 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,


Joanna L. Askey

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES 9/12/16

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Peter J. O'Neill in the Small Conference Room.

Members present were: Don Farnell, Richard Pfluger, George Armenti, Peter J. O'Neill and Joanna Askey.

Minutes of the August 1, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously by members. Approval of July's minutes will be carried to the next meeting.

The committee's business agenda:

1. Joanna has forwarded our committee's suggested revisions to the Open Space Element to the planning/zoning board coordinator and will follow up on those changes.
2. Chairman O'Neill provided a status report on the Vision Committee: the land swap process is ongoing.
3. Members plan to review the 2017 Open Space Properties Report at the October meeting.
4. The 2017 meeting calendar was unanimously approved as amended.
5. Discussion of the potential trail commencing at Millington Schoolhouse and a possible trailhead at the Schoolhouse.
6. Discussion of future architectural plans for Central Park.
7. Discussion of township owned land adjacent to the Eberle property and riverside path.
8. Public comments and announcements: none.
9. Meeting ended at 9:02 upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on October 3, 2016 in the large conference room.

Respectfully submitted,


Joanna L. Askey

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES 10/3/16**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Peter J. O'Neill in the Large Conference Room.

The salute of the American Flag took place in the Public Meeting Room

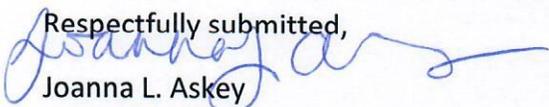
Members present were: Frank Alansky, Richard Pfluger, Peter J. O'Neill and Joanna Askey.

Approval of the July and September minutes will be carried to the next meeting.

The committee's business agenda:

1. The committee has not received any feedback regarding our suggested revisions to the Open Space Element, Joanna will continue to follow up.
2. Chairman O'Neill provided a status report on the Vision Committee: the land swap process is ongoing as is the topographical survey of the combined park parcels. There is a Vision Committee meeting on Thursday so there may be further updates to report at our next meeting.
3. The committee will revise and update the 2010 Open Space Properties Report. One difficulty our committee has with respect to planning open space projects is that it is unclear how much funding is or will be available in the township's open space trust fund. It would be helpful to know the balance as well as cash flow in and out of the fund.
4. Discussion of a possible boat dock on township property adjacent to the Eberle Property. The township owns approximately 10 acres to the west of the Eberle Property which provides river access. We would like to explore if/how this property could be utilized for passive recreation. A related project is a riverside trail from the Berkeley Heights border to Mountain Avenue in Gillette.
5. We considered additional township owned open space parcels which could provide river access and boat launches connecting one end of the township to the other. Sites included township property on the west end of Bungalow Terrace, Peninsula Park and South Main Street. Boat launch projects could be coordinated with Morris County.
6. Discussion of the potential trail commencing at Millington Schoolhouse and trailhead at the Schoolhouse.
7. Joanna will look into how to better utilize MCPRIMA online maps for our meetings.
8. Public comments and announcements: none.
9. Meeting ended at 9:30 upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on November 7, 2016 in the large conference room.

Respectfully submitted,


Joanna L. Askey