

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 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, Jerry Aroneo, George Armenti and Joanna Askey.

Minutes of the July, September, and October meetings were approved unanimously by members.

The committee's business agenda:

1. Vision Committee update: the Central Park land swap is moving along but needs state approval, which can be a lengthy process.
2. There are five proposed locations for boat docks/canoe launches on public lands along the Passaic River: (a) White Bridge Road/Great Swamp; (b) Shawnee Lane; (c) Peninsula Park; (d) South Main Street; and (e) Gillette open space.

The Township should coordinate this project with Morris County, Somerset County and Union County.

An important part of any Passaic River project is determining the status of river de-snagging.

3. We will consider what uses may be appropriate for Gillette open space block 10801 lot 5 owned by the Township.
4. We discussed the Stirling Recreation Area site, which would provide a walkable/bikeable link between Stirling and Central Park as well as a parking area. The Township had applied for a MCOSTF grant to purchase the property, but the project stalled once further environmental testing was needed.

However, the paper streets that run through this site provide an important access point and need to be marked out and cleared so they are useable. Peter and George remember that Railroad Avenue should continue straight through to the entrance of Central Park, as shown on the historic layout map for Stirling land development, not curved as recently surveyed. This discrepancy needs to be resolved.

5. The Committee will revise and update the 2010 Open Space Properties Report.
6. Public comments and announcements: The Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner is on December 1.
7. Meeting ended at 10:04 upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on December 5, 2016 in the Large Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joanna L. Askey