

**Franklin Township
Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund
Advisory Committee
Minutes March 15, 2016**



Melba Battin-A
Cecile MacIvor P
Bill Connell-P
Jack Connolly A
Bob Vornlocker-P
Mark Healy-
Randy Jones-P
Christine Danielson-A
Ted Chase-P
Fran Varacalli (Consultant) P

Robert LaCorte-P
John Moon-A
Alice Osipowitz-
Bob Puskas-Vice Chair P
Arnold Schmidt-P
David Triggs -P
John Herrling -8:20
Chris Williams-P
Phil Kramer- P

1. Chairman Jones called meeting to order in accordance with the Sunshine Law provision 7:04pm
2. Introductions/roll call
3. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. February 17,2015
MacGyver moved, Schmidt seconded, a motion to approve minutes with corrections. All members in favor. Motion Passed.
 - b. September 15, 2015
Triggs moved, Puskas seconded, a motion to approve minutes with corrections. All members in favor. Motion Passed.
 - c. November 17, 2015
Lacorte moved, Puskas seconded, a motion to approve minutes. All members in favor. Motion Passed.
 - d. January 19, 2016
Puskas moved, Lacorte seconded, a motion to approve minutes. All members in favor. Motion Passed.
4. Financial Report
Current account balance is 16,920,561.00 Previous \$16,012,480.00 Estimated Quarterly Taxes \$1.2M
5. 1st opening of the meeting to the public
Lacorte moved, Puskas seconded a motion to open meeting to public. All members in favor. Motion passed.
Seeing no one from the public present, Puskas moved, Lacorte seconded, a motion to close meeting to public. All members in favor. Motion passed.

6. New Business

a. Cedar Brook Stream planting at Cedar Hill Swim Club Sat. April 9, 1-3pm(rain date Sat. April 30, 1-3pm)

b. Community Based Deer Management Program, NJDEP Fish & Wildlife Guest, Jodi Powers. /Cindy Kinsler presented the State of NJ's community deer based management program and how it may be an option for Franklin Twp. to enter into the program to help increase the number of deer harvested through the Township's deer management program. F. Varacalli to follow up with Jodi.

c. OSAC 2016 Budget

-Lacorte expressed concern of how this year's Parks maintenance budget was calculated.

Lacorte suggested ½ a cent of every OSAC tax collected be used for Maintenance. A conversation ensued about the pro and cons of this idea.

-F. Varacalli to follow up with local counties and towns to understand how they fund maintenance salaries for parks.

7. Old business

a. Things to Do Map- updates

F. Varacalli asked Committee for any updates or suggestions on how to improve the map for the next printing.

b. Historic House update spreadsheet provided to the Committee and the current projects were reviewed. Schmidt moved, Puskas seconded Motion to recommend the purchase of a synthetic Slate Roof on the Dunn House. All members in favor. Motion Passed.

c. Vacant land review

A GIS map identifying vacant parcels was presented. The Committee reviewed the map and made suggestions for improving the map.

8. Consent Agenda

a. Open Space consultant's work-log

9. Announcements, reports from other Committee's

A. Environment: EC Stream Clean Up. April 16th Weston Canal/Weston

B. Shade Tree-Made recommendations to plant Middlebush Park from Shade Tree Fund worth \$35,000.00 of trees. Shade Tree Committee approved lining JFK Boulevard with trees from the Shade Tree Fund.

C. OSAC Woodcock walk Friday March 18th, Negri-Nepote 7pm

10. 2nd opening of the meeting to the public. Meeting was not opened to the public as there was no one from the public present.

11. Puskas moved, MacGyver seconded a motion to Adjourn. All members in favor. Motion Passed. 9:03pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Connell
Secretary

