

**Franklin Township  
Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund  
Advisory Committee  
Minutes February 16, 2016**



Melba Battin-P
<b>Cecile</b> Maclvor P
Bill Connell-P
Jack Connolly 7:30
Bob Vornlocker
Mark Healy-
Randy Jones-P
Nancy LaCorte
Ted Chase-
Fran Varacalli (Consultant) P

Robert LaCorte-P
John Moon-P
Alice Osipowitz-
Bob Puskas-Vice Chair P
Arnold Schmidt-P
David Triggs -P
John Herrling -P
Chris Williams-8:15
Phil Kramer- P

1. Call to order in accordance with the Sunshine Law provision 7:03pm
2. Introductions/roll call
3. Approval of the Minutes. None Provided
4. Financial Report-2016 Budget. Varacalli proposed 2016 budget. Committee reviewed with no motions made.
5. 1st opening of the meeting to the public. Seeing no one present from the public the meeting was not opened to the public.
6. New business
  - a. Things to Do Map. Varacalli requested any suggestions for the Things to Do Eco Tourism map before proceeding with printing.  
  
At this time Puskas reported the State is putting up boulder markers on Negri Nepote Preserve in error. Reserve. He commented that the signage needs to be clarified and usages more clear. Varacalli will contact D&R Canal State Park.
  - b. Open Space Walks for May and June dates posted.
  - c. Historic House Update. A list of work was supplied.
  - d. Smoke Free Park Ordinance. Committee Suggested the ordinance be clarified.  
  
Puskas moved, Lacorte seconded a motion to against ordinance.  
  
(2) no, (2) abstain, (5) Yes. Motion Passed.

E. Schmidt presented an article regarding c1 streams . Currently the law is no development with in 300 feet. But that may change but local governments can create ordinances tonight than the state law. A conversation ensued regarding having our local ordinance match or exceed the current standard.

Schmidt moved, Connell seconded, a motion for the town to consider an ordinance matching the current standard, that is 300 feet from c1 streams and 150 feet from tributaries.

(1) No, (9) Yes, Motion Passed.

F. Misc. Committee Comments

-Lacorte noted the Moth Balled Trap Rock houses need some up keep. The work is not holding up.

-Lacorte noted the Blue Historic sign on Stage House Property on Amwell Rd., needs to updating. You can not read it.

7 Old business

a. Kingston School-Work is Proceeding

b. Native Grasslands. Meeting following week

c. Open Land. Committee review Map of parcels. Revisions were suggested.

d. May 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting . Committee was asked if next offsite committee meeting should be help in the Hageman Barn or the Hageman House. The committee chose to meet in the house.

8. Consent Agenda a. Open Space consultant's work-log

9. Second Public Session- Seeing no one present the Meeting was not opened to the public.

10. Executive Session

Lacorte moved, Schmidt seconded , motion to go into Executive Session. All members in favor. Motion Passed.

11 Adjourn

Lacorte moved Connell seconded a Motion to Adjourn. All members in favor. Motion Passed. 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Connell  
Secretary

