



Thursday, May 18, 2017

8:00 PM

AAC Minutes

Present: Al Puchalek, Craig Feibel, Bob Puskas, Cathy Blumig, Councilman Chase, Fran Varacalli(Consultant)

Absent: Frank Hasner

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Pusaks at 8:05pm in accordance with the Sunshine Law provision.
2. Approval of the February 16, 2017 meeting minutes and executive session minutes for Feb. 16 and Jan. 19. C. Blumig made motion to approve the minutes. A. Puchalek seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Financial Report – F. Varacalli presented the Open Space Trust Fund report. There is approximately \$12.4M in the OSTF from the audited financials as of 12/31/2016. The 2017 budget numbers are included in the balance.
4. Meeting opened to the public for comment
C. Blumig made a motion to open the meeting to the public. C. Feibel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
C. Blumig made a motion to close the meeting to the public. C Feibel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Committee asked about the Resta property, Cedar Grove Lane, subdivision plan. F. Varacalli explained that the AAC Committee will have the opportunity to review and make recommendations regarding the plan.

5. Old Business
 - a. Township Farmer's Market - update
F. Varacalli & C. Blumig provided update. Some vendors fell off, currently a total of 8 confirmed vendors with one additional monthly vendor(Bon Sweets).
 - b. Township Agriculture Day, 2017 planning, Franklin Twp. Event Sat. Sept. 23. Committee discussed various ideas to promote agriculture and farms in Franklin Twp.
 - c. Video to record agriculture practices in Franklin. C. Blumig reached out to Rutgers Mason Gross School to see if there were any interested video students. No luck. C. Blumig is working with Pete Madden's, a local farmer, son who is working on producing a video.

- d. Farm Outreach – update – B. Puskas and F. Varacalli met with owners of a property on Butler Road to discuss farmland preservation.
 - e. Agriculture leases –Committee members are asked for comments by June 1.
6. Executive Session to discuss possible property purchases and negotiations. C. Feibel made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss property purchases. C. Blumig seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
7. C. Blumig made a motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Feibel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 9:40pm.