

**Franklin Township
Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund
Advisory Committee Minutes
JUNE 19, 2018**

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| Melba Battin- P |
| Cecile McGivor P |
| Bill Connell-P |
| Jack Connolly A |
| Bob Vornlocker- P |
| Mark Healy- |
| Randy Jones-P |
| Laurie Maier-A |
| Ted Chase-P-7:30 |
| Tara Kenyon (Consultant) P |

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

1. Chairman Jones called the meeting to order in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) at 7:03pm.

2. Secretary Connell took Roll Call

3. Public Comment

Bob Puskas moved to open the meeting to the Public, which was seconded by Arnold Schmidt. All agreed, and the meeting was opened to the public.

Brian Miller (26 Fraley Drive) asked questions about the upcoming Deer Management Program. He also noted that the existing signage is confusing, and the mixed use of the open space property during hunting season is not appropriate. Mr. Miller further suggested the Hunters Summary Report require the time and place of each deer culled.

Steve Miller (son of Brian Miller) expressed his support of the Deer Management Program. He is an avid hunter in other areas and asked multiple questions regarding how the program is run, how the harvest is reported, and fact checking of harvest numbers.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. April 17, 2018 minutes - Chris Williams moved to approve, which was seconded by Bill Connell. All approved and the motion carried.

b. May 15, 2018 minutes – Bob Puskas moved to approve, which was seconded by Arnold Schmidt. All approved and the motion carried.

5. OSTF Financial Report

\$14,764,764 balance as of June 19, 2018

At the midway point this year, we have spent 46.1% of the budget.

\$2,390,000 has been paid in debt service

Bob Puskas moved to approve the Financial Report, which was seconded by Cecile MacGivor. All approved and the motion carried.

6. New Business

a. *Peace and Non-Violence Memorial at Consolata*

Bill Connell made a motion to draft and submit a letter of admonishment to the Township Council for excluding OSAC from planning for the Memorial. Bob Puskas seconded the motion. All agreed, and the motion was carried.

Bill Connell engaged the committee in a discussion about the statue park itself as he saw at council meeting, supplemented by information from Mayor Kramer and Township Manager, Bob Vornlocker.

Chris Williams noted that the Shade Tree Commission is actively trying to move forward on a plan for the Middlebush Memorial Forest that has existed for 15 years. It is a complimentary goal to proposed Peace and Non-Violence Statue Park.

The committee did not offer direction on the statues but generally agreed that plaques or a garden similar to that at the Sisters Network may be more appropriate.

Chris Williams made a motion to place the Peace and Non-Violence Statue at Memorial Forest, not at the Consolata site, which was seconded by Bob LaCorte. All agreed, and the motion carried.

Bob LaCorte made a motion to add an OSAC Committee member to the existing Ad-Hoc Committee regarding the Peace and Non-Violence. Bill Connell seconded the motion, and all agreed. The motion carried.

7. Old Business

a. *Hunting Program Recommendations for 2018 – 2019*

Tara Kenyon presented statistics from last year's Deer Management Program and recommendations for the upcoming program, including:

- Close Negri-Nepote Grasslands and Ten-Mile Run for the duration of Season 3 (firearm season)
- Disallow firearms during any part of Season 2 (muzzleloaders)
- Clarify signage at each site for readability and safety
- Work with Rutgers graduate students to draft mapping elements showing habitat connectivity, travel patterns, food sources, deer-related vehicle accidents and more

Tara will present the approved recommendations to the Township Council at the July 10th meeting.

b. *Farmers Market*

The Farmers Market has been very successful, with a total of thirteen vendors participating.

c. *Updates – Historic Structures*

Tara is working with Staff at the New Jersey Historic Trust to apply for the perpetual easement that is needed to complete the Diversion Process with Green Acres. The next meeting of the New Jersey Historic Trust is in September.

d. *Drones*

The Township's Attorney is still reviewing the Drones policy.

8. Public Session – Second Opening

Arnold Schmidt made a motion to open the meeting to the public, which was seconded by Bob Puskas. All agreed, and the meeting was opened to the public.

Steve Miller (1710 Dudley Lane) asked if confirmation for deer culling is required (such as a picture with the tagged deer carcass). Bob Vornlocker responded that we do not require this type of verification. Steve Miller recommended that we do in the future to improve data collection and progress of the program. He also recommended using the Hunters for the Hungry Program, which takes donated deer meat and donates them to those in need.

Bob Puskas moved to close the Public Session, which was seconded by Bob LaCorte. All agreed, and the motion carried.

9. Executive Session

Arnold Schmidt moved to enter Executive Session for the purposes of property negotiations. Chris Williams seconded the motion, all agreed, and the meeting was then closed to the public.

10. Adjournment

Bob Puskas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Arnold Schmidt. All agreed, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Connell
Secretary

