

**Franklin Township
Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund
Advisory Committee Minutes
September 18, 2018**

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

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

1. Chairman Jones called to order in accordance with the Sunshine Law provision 7:05pm
accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6)

2. Introduction of Nina –College Intern Senior

3. Public Comment Schmidt moved, Williams^[L]_[SEP] The meeting will be opened to the Public to
provide time for comments and/or questions related to the agenda

--Neil Regarding Hunting on 10 mile run. Concerned about Horse Back Riders and

--Richard Barbar Sr, -11 Seely Run. Wanted all minutes regarding any action taken by
committee regarding statue park.

Puskas moved, Williams Seconded motion to close to public motion passes

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
a. June 19, 2018-Approved

4. OSTF Financial Report –no financial report

5. New Business

a. Pocket Park – Willow Road/New Brunswick Avenue

Councilman Galtierri asked committee interest in a pocket park referenced in Recreation Plan
at Willow Road and New Brunswick. The neighborhood has expressed interest. The committee
expressed interest to move forward with the project.

b. 2019 Trails Advisory Committee Calendar

Winners have been picked-Calendars are being printed.

c. Nature Walks

Sunday, September 23rd (Griggstown Grasslands)

Saturday, October 27th (Negri-Nepote Grasslands)

d. Maintenance Work with DPW (Negri-Nepote Grasslands) – Redoing signage as Graduate project for Cost of materials, the labor free

Melba 7:40 Maintenance issues , slow maintenance. Schmidt agenda item in future 8pm

e. Climate Change – Reporting Data and Impact on Franklin Township Open Space and Wildlife

Randy Jones, mention using monarch butterflies

f. Review of Ordinance Establishing OSAC and Open Space Tax

-Township has list of open space.

-Review document and question charges(instructions) .

-Add in trails advisory that did not exist

-Review Process for Land Acquisition and Transfer to ROSI

-Review of Process for Planning and Determining the Permitted Uses of Open Space

. Committee will review charter and discuss any changes needed at October Meeting

6. Old Business

a. Hunting Program –up and running

Puskas reported -met my Arenza and Penia regarding deer control-Huntchison forest @ Amwell-Mettlers Inside the fence, the town property and the farm lease property. Should be on Next years hunting program

b. Tara Kenyon noted Rutgers Landscape architecture studio class Invited to October meeting to make presentation

It was noted New Jersey Farm bureau -used drones to inventory deer

d. Farmers Market-Kenyon reporter Farmers market was a success in 2018

e. Updates – Historic Structures

i. Gunther Mothballed, preservations contractors did not submit bids -

ii. Van Wickle Vendor still not done with stabilization, then town will take over by end of year.

d. Update on Township Council's Ad-Hoc Committee for Peace and Nonviolence Memorial
Schmidt presented motion regarding statues. An extensive discussion ensued regarding the meaning of the statues and the purpose of the motion

“Although the statues and busts of these extraordinary people deserve a respectable home, Township-owned open space property is not the appropriate place for them, and therefore should not be placed on any of our open space properties. However, should this or a similar project be discussed or approved for an open space property, this motion should not be construed as a final opinion, and the project should be presented to OSAC for review and their opinion should be considered as part of the approval process.”

Schmidt moved, Lacorte seconded, a motion ... Motion passes one nay.

7. Public Comment ^[SEP]The meeting will be opened to the Public to provide time for comments and/or questions related to the agenda

Lacorte moved, Moon seconded a motion to open to public motion passes.

Seeing no one

Mcgyver moved , Moon seconded a motion to close to public . Motion passes

8 Executive Session ^[SEP]The Committee will enter Executive Session to discuss property negotiations and real estate transactions.

Williams moved, Triggs seconded a motion to go into executive session. Motion passes

9. Adjournment

Puskas moved , Schmidt Seconded motion to adjourn. Motion Passes 9:15

Respectfully submitted

Bill Connell

Secretary

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