

**Franklin Township  
Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund  
Advisory Committee Minutes  
September 15, 2020**

Melba Battin- P
Cecile Mciver P
Bill Connell-P
Deana Luchs -P
Bob Vornlocker- P
Mark Healy-A
Laurie Merris-P
Ted Chase-P
Tara Kenyon (Consultant) P
Robert LaCorte-A
John Moon-A
Alice Osipowitz-A
Bob Puskas- Chair P
Arnold Schmidt-P
David Triggs-A
John Herrling -P
Chris Williams-A
Phil Kramer- P

Post

1. Call to Order in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6)

Chairman Puskas called to order at 7:10pm.

2. Public Comment

Maclver moved, Schmidt seconded, a motion to open to public. Motion passes, Seeing no members of the public present, Maclver made a motion to close the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Scmidt. Motion Passes.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 2020

Mclver made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Williams seconded. Motion Passes

4. New Business

a. a. Management at Six-Mile Run.

Chairman Puskas lamented the State's management of the Six Mile Run property, including management of bike trails, agricultural leases, and hunting. He felt the Township would do a better job as a more invested caretaker. Many practical matters would need to be defined to see if that notion is realistic, but the Committee asked Township Manager Vornlocker to review possibility. Vornlocker will speak with the Council's attorney, Lou Rainone to get more information.

5. Old Business

a. Opening of 2020-2021 Hunting Season

The Rutgers property now is now included in the Township's Deer Management Plan and has 26 permitted hunters. Some of the harvest is being processed and donated to Food Bank.

b. Sustainable Jersey Grant for Green Infrastructure Feasibility Study

Kenyon updated the group that she continues to work with the Water Resources Program at Rutgers University to update data needed to further this study. She and DPW will review the previously proposed projects to decide if they are still relevant and/or require modification.

c. Catalpa Park – update

DEP approval is being slowed down significantly by Covid-19 restrictions on the Staff.

d. Grand Parents Park

Green Acres requires two public hearings for a proposed Change in Use (with the proposed Change in Use being transition of 1-acre of the property from woodland to park/playground). Council is discussing dates for the first public hearing which will present the concept and obtain feedback from the public.

6. Consultant's Monthly Activity Report

The Consultant's Monthly Activity Report was submitted with the meeting packet ahead of the meeting.

7. Updates from other Committees

a. Schmidt – Environmental Commission: discussed environmental initiatives currently under discussion

8. Adjournment

Herring moved to adjourn the meeting. Maclvor seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Bill Connell  
Secretary