

**Franklin Township  
Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund  
Advisory Committee  
Minutes November 20, 2012**

Melba Battin-P
Robert Mettler-P
Bill Connell-P
Jack Connolly-P
Bob Vornlocker
Mark Healy
Randy Jones-P
Richard Seamon-
Ted Chase-P

Robert LaCorte-P
John Moon-P
Alice Osipowitz-
Bob Puskas-P
Arnold Schmidt-P
David Triggs -P
John Herrling
Chris Williams-P
Phil Kramer (MP Liaison )-P

1. Call to order Meeting was called to order by Chairmen Jones in accordance with the Sunshine Law at 7:04pm Members present indicated above by (P).
2. **Minutes:** Williams moved; Moon seconded motion to approve minutes with corrections.
3. Financial Report. Financial report dated was reviewed. The balance in the OSTF as of 10/31/12 \$10,200,374.24  
Lacoste moved, Connell seconded motion to except report. Motion Passes
4. Open first opening to public: Connell Moved, Connolly seconded motion to open first open session.  
Mark Fortin -Trail Committee, Spoke of the need to actively promote the trails on Open Space property. Requested the committee a lot small annual budget to properly achieve this goal  
  
Lacorte moved, Connell seconded motion to close public session
5. New Business
  - a. Varacalli reported that FEMA is providing support of clean up On public lands including chain saw cutting crews and reporting It was also reported that the blue bird boxes on Negri Nepoti were damaged during the storm.

b. The committee was in agreement that an annual budget for Promoting the township trails was appropriate. A discussion ensued on how much was appropriate.

La Corte moved, and Connolly seconded a motion to a lot \$250.00 per year to promote trails activities. Motion Passes

c. Equestrian Insurance. The committee was asked to discuss the need for equestrian insurance on town property. The committee did not feel it was in their purview to make a judgment on this but encouraged the discussion.

Williams moved, Connell seconded a motion to recommend the town review the equestrian insurance policy. Motion Passes

d. Varacalli reported there is a review of the permit costs. No action was taken

6. Old Business.

a. Middlebush Park. Varacalli reported the new crushed stone trail is working well. She complimented Victor Stevens For the time he took selecting the rock mixture to yield the best result.

At this time Schmidt lamented that at the last council meeting Open space was not given proper acknowledgement regarding the work at Middlebush Park. His point being people should have a clear understanding of how this is being paid for. For those involved in the process it is common knowledge, but a majority of the people will not and it's important to state.

7. Consent Agenda

Triggs moved, Williams second to approve consent agenda  
Motion Passes

8. Reviewed scout projects

Varacalli reported a club would be having GeoCaching game on open space land

[What is geocaching?](#) Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location.

9. Second Opening to Public. Connolly moved, Connell seconded

Motion to open to public. Motion Passes

Mark Fortin –What is the space when given to town by a developer?

Connell Moved, Williams seconded motion to close meeting to public,  
motion passes

10. Committee Reports

John Loos, previous OSAC consultant is receiving Environmental  
Stewardship Award December 11<sup>th</sup>

11. Executive Session Williams Moved, Seconded motion to go into  
executive session

Connell Moved, Schmidt seconded, motion to adjourn, Motion Pass  
8:58pm.

Peace on Earth, good will toward men

Bill Connell

Secretary

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