

**Franklin Township
Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund
Advisory Committee
Minutes June 18st, 2013**



Melba Battin-P
Robert Mettler-P 735
Bill Connell-P
Jack Connolly-P
Bob Vornlocker-P
Mark Healy-P
Randy Jones-P
Julia Presley-
Ted Chase-P

Robert LaCorte-P
John Moon-P
Alice Osipowitz-
Bob Puskas-P 7:20
Arnold Schmidt-P
David Triggs -P
John Herrling-P
Chris Williams-P
Phil Kramer-P

Call to order Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jones in accordance with the Sunshine Law at 7:05pm Members present indicated above by (P). .

1. Approval of Minutes; Mettler moved, Herring seconded, motion to approve May Minutes with corrections. Motion Passes

2. Financial Report: The Current balance of the OSTF is \$10,803,361.26

 No change from previous

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 Connell moved, Connolly second motion to approve financial Report
 Motion Passes

3. Open first opening to public: Puskas Moved, La Corte seconded motion to open first open session.
 Sheri Lemli, 61 Canal Road. Was very concerned that truckers are coming across Blackwell's Mill Bridge from Hillsborough. She is being told that GPS instructions lead truckers there despite the fact the intersection does not lend itself to trucks. There is signage that is not being seen or ignore.

It was stated that the OSAC committee has no charter to address a matter like this, and was referred to the police department and the town manager.

Connelly moved, Connell Seconded motion to close to the public

4. New Business

- a. Varacalli reported updated statistics for the 2012/2013 deer harvest. The new number is 197, from 187 with 137 of 195 permits reporting.
- b. The Franklin Township Environmental Commission will be holding two Seminars
Wild Turkey Seminar October 21, 2013
Bee Keeping: TBD
- c. Healy presented final draft of Open Space Plan. Explaining the process of the subcommittee and briefly reviewing the changes and maps that were sent to the full committee via email prior to meeting.
Lacorte moved, Puskas seconded to approve with changes.
Motion Passes
- d. Herrling reported that the Millstone Historic Committee is interested in putting of signage and presented some rough costs. The committee would review next meeting
- e.

5. Old Business.

- a. Varacalli reported that the lighting bids for Middlebush Park came in higher than expected. The ordinance will have to be reallocated to reflect final costs
- b. Varacalli reported they will be spraying Herbicide 6/22 at Negri-Nepote
(Dow Agro Services-Milestone VM Herbicide M5d5007887)
- c. Varacalli reported National Trails day went well. 20 people and 10-15 birders. Were in attendance
- d. Varacalli reported on June 20th Bill 138 will be voted on dedicating 1/5 on of 1 cent to open space
SYNOPSISAmends Constitution to dedicate \$200 million annually from FY2015 to FY2044 of sales and use tax revenue for preservation of open space, including flood prone areas, farmland preservation, and historic preservation.
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2012/Bills/SCR/138_I1.PDF

e. Second, Public Session-no one present

6. Consent Agenda

Mettler moved, Connell seconded, motion to approve. Motions Passes

7. Committee Reports

Audubon walk, (17) people were in attendance

Wolgast Tree farm. Everyone in attendance enjoyed it and Moon commented in particular about the wide variety of turtles present

8. Executive Session None.

Puskas Moved, Lacorte seconded, motion to adjourn, Motion Pass
9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Connell

Secretary

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