

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES 5/2/16

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 PM by Peter J. O'Neill in the Large Conference Room.

The salute of the American Flag took place in the Public Meeting Room.

Members present were: Brendan Rae, Richard Pflueger, George Armenti, Peter J. O'Neill and Joanna Askey. Township resident Ashley Force was also present.

The committee's business agenda:

1. Chairman O'Neill provided a status report for the Vision Committee. Further park architecture plans are on hold until it is determined whether the land swap acreage will be included in Central Park. The process whereby the state approves the land swap is expected to take several months.
2. The Township has received an EcoSciences report on the Eberle property. Brendan Rae advised that according to the report large portions of the property would need to be capped and this cleanup could take a year. The final extension for Morris County Open Space Grant funding expires next month, so the Township is requesting another extension of the funding.
3. Members have agreed to review the version of the Open Space Element that is on the Township web site:
http://www.longhillnj.gov/PB/MP-docs/Open_Space_Element_17_December_2013.pdf. We will discuss any comments members may have at our next meeting.
4. Members will look over the 2010 Open Space Report for discussion at the next meeting. We will consider whether properties should be added to the report and whether the properties in the report are still appropriate recommendations.
5. The extension of Railroad Avenue to the east should be an important part of the plans for Central Park. The Railroad Avenue paper street provides a foot and bike connection between Stirling and Central Park. This right of way needs to be staked out by the Township Engineer. This work has already been approved by the Township Committee.
6. Joanna Askey and Rich Pflueger plan to attend the Morris County Trail Grants Community Workshop on May 18.
7. A question was raised about correspondence from the planning and zoning coordinator regarding certain applications before the Planning Board. Brendan Rae will look into what the role of the OSC is supposed to be.

8. Public comments and announcements: None.

9. Meeting ended at 8:40 upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on June 6, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanna L. Askey", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joanna L. Askey

Approved July 11, 2016