

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES 11/6/17

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. 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: Richard Pfluger, Peter J. O'Neill, Joanna Askey, George Armenti and Frank Alansky.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved unanimously by members.

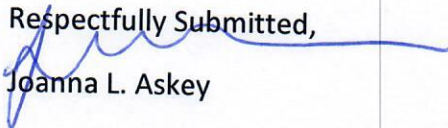
1. Vision Committee update: Discussion of landscaping debris that have been dumped on the Central Park site; the debris need to be cleaned up before the land swap can proceed.
2. Our recommendation for the retention of a landscape architect to coordinate and supervise the Central Park project, to advise the Shade Tree, OSC, etc. as needed, and to coordinate any other open space planning projects has been declined by the TC as premature.
3. The Township Engineer will provide an estimate to survey Peninsula Park and Gillette Open Space.
4. To reexamine the layout of Railroad Avenue (which is shown on the current tax map as curved), the Township Engineer will need deeds and a boundary survey showing the grid layout.
5. Discussion of possibilities for boat launches. Members of our committee walked through some of the open space parcels at the west side of town. While the county parks map shows access and parking at the Peninsula Park site, in reality the access point is unclear and much of the area is almost completely overgrown although some areas near the river were more open. There were a lot of snags in the river and the water level was low so at the time we visited navigability was questionable.

County parkland across Valley Road had very short limited trails before becoming overgrown and impassable. However, there is an area to put in a kayak or canoe right off Valley Road although parking is limited and it is a short steep drop to the river. The short trail along the river was lovely. We will continue our walkthroughs of other open space parcels.

The desnagging issue is ongoing. If we are considering a launch at the Peninsula Park site we should start by contacting the county to follow up on possibilities for snag removal.

6. Public comments and announcements: none.
7. Meeting ended at 9:25 p.m. upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on December 4, 2017 in the Large Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,


Joanna L. Askey