



**Township of Pequannock  
Open Space Advisory Committee**  
November 14, 2016, 7:00 PM  
Municipal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
530 Newark-Pompton Turnpike  
Pompton Plains, NJ 07444

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Joe Wells at 7:05 pm.

**Voting Members Present (X):**

X	Joseph Wells (Chairman)	X	Frank Spizzirri (Vice-Chair)		Robin Jones (Secretary)
X	Thomas Andrea	X	Michael Carlon	X	Ryan Herd
	Mayor David Kohle	X	Jeffrey Mauriello		Robert Safarik
	VACANT				

**Others Present (X):**

X	Frank Pinto, Spinelli & Pinto Consulting, LLC	X	Julie Unger, Resident
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A quorum was established.

**Mission Statement**

To provide advice to the Township Council concerning open space acquisition and property stewardship issues.

**Minutes Review & Approval**

On motion of member Andrea seconded by Spizzirri, the Open Session minutes of the October 10, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously with member Mauriello abstaining, as he was not present.

On motion of member Andrea seconded by Spizzirri, the Executive Session minutes of the October 10, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously with member Mauriello abstaining, as he was not present.

**Township Council Report:**

The meeting date this month is being changed due to the League of Municipalities Convention in Atlantic City. As such there is no scheduled meeting for November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning Board Report:**

A short report provided on the Library Addition which is underway.

**Environmental Commission Report:**

There was a discussion related to the potential Community Garden along the Riverwalk acquisition area. There is nothing new with the skate park. They have spoken to the watershed ambassador related to the BioBlitz event. There is a canoe/kayak trip being planned for Spring '17.

**Historic District Commission Report:**

It was reported that the Martin Berry house has closed.

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Report:**

The Trunk or Treat event was a huge success. There was a motion approved for the committee to meet all 12 months in 2017. The committee typically did not meet during the summer months. However, those are the months when the most activities are taking place. The Holiday Festival will take place at Greenview Park on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Santa (aka Mr. Andrea) will be on the fire truck to greet all the children. There was a report about

a proposed trash management system for the town parks. The committee is considering a carry in / carry out system for trash disposal in the parks, eliminating the garbage cans.

### Pending Items Update

Trail Maintenance: Joe Wells reported that trail maintenance was completed along Pequannock Avenue, Riverside and North Pequannock Avenue. The trails are now in a walkable condition. Joe thanked the volunteers who helped including Julie, Rob and others. Robin cleared a lot of vines to make the trails passable.

Ordering Equipment: Joe reported that he is working to order equipment. He asked for the committee's input on his plan to order dark green steel tables and benches. The equipment would be epoxy coated. There would be four sets of benches and round tables ordered. The probable installation would be in Spring depending on the ordering date, delivery and weather factors.

Open Space Mapping: Joe mentioned the need for trail maps for the public to use and to be stored in the kiosks that will be created along the Riverwalk. Joe will speak with Frank Pinto about this effort.

Community Garden Discussion: Julie Unger lead a discussion about her vision to create another community garden in town, but one located in the Pequannock section to serve that portion of the municipality. She was wondering if an area for a new community garden could be created on the properties purchased for flood mitigation, on Pequannock Avenue. The current garden has been full for the last 6 or 7 years and has a waiting list. The garden proposed would not be raised beds but would plant directly in the soil. Ms. Unger would also like to start an educational program to accompany the garden.

After some discussion, it was left where Frank Pinto would ask Morris County reps if raised beds would be permitted on the flood buyout properties and if deer fencing would be permitted.

Correspondence: None.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of member Andrea seconded by Spizzirri, the Committee voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following two matters:

1. Manno Property
2. Fritz Property on Route 23

The open session reconvened at 8:44 PM.

### Adjournment:

On motion of member Spizzirri with all in agreement, the meeting concluded at 8:49 PM.

**Next meeting is Scheduled for:  
Monday, December 12, 2016, 7:00 pm  
530 Newark-Pompton Turnpike  
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Respectfully Submitted,

*Frank*

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Frank Pinto, Committee Facilitator