

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2015**

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent
Mrs. Allen	x	
Mr. Becker	x	
Mr. Heller	x	
Mr. Huelsebusch	x	
Dr. Hendrickson	x	
Dr. Kelly	x	
Mrs. Madon		x
Mrs. Sabin	x	
Mr. John	x	
Mr. Klotz	x	
Mrs. Duffy	x	

Members of the Public: Kim Yousey, Kristine Cromwell, Paula Baldwin, Sam Tropello

1. Mr. Huelsebusch called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes of January 7, 2015 were approved.
3. Correspondence/Other information: None
4. A parcel of property on Foothill Road Block 63 Lot 2 may become available. Since the property borders on County Park land, it was suggested that Dr. Kelly bring the opportunity to the County's attention. Notification to the Hunterdon Land Trust was also suggested.
5. The board by voice vote approved a recommendation to the Town Committee to support no hunting on Sunday.
6. Mr. Huelsebusch reviewed the meeting packet indicating that the role assignments have been supported by the members.
7. Regular Reports:
 - a. Preservation activities:
 - i. The Township is waiting for grant funding for the Toll properties.
 - b. County Open Space: Dr. Kelly reported that the committee had a reorganization and William Millette will be responsible for administering preservation projects and applications. The county is pursuing a grant application for flood control on Pleasant Run.
 8. Mrs. Duffy informed the Board that the latest open space map is now available and that the Township passed the resolution to support the "Learning Woods" grant.
 9. The Board by voice vote requested that DPW enclose the Cole Road north trail head in a way to prevent vehicular entrance. In addition, no motorized vehicle signs should be posted at the Cole Road site and both entrances to the Pleasant Run Greenway (off Pleasant Run and Summer Road).

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10. Old Business:
 - a. Current Projects:
 - i. Dr.Kelly said that the students had started tapping the Norway maples at Forest Hill Preserve.
 - ii. Mr. Klotz provided a report on scout projects completed in 2014 and in process.
 - b. Forest Hill Preserve Grant. Mr. Becker reported that the application has been submitted to Sustainable New Jersey. Grant funds would support a woodlands inventory, benches, kiosks and deer enclosure area.
 - c. Mrs. Sabin reported that the Raritan Greenway group requested a meeting. The Board concurred that the current subcommittee should participate. A map of the proposed greenway plan was provided.
 - d. Mr. Huelsebusch affirmed that the RVCC study results on forest health will be presented at the April meeting. The report will be held in the court room with an invitation to other interested parties.
11. New Business:
 - a. Mr. Heller brought to the Board's attention initiatives taken by Raritan Headwaters Association for their river clean-up. Readington sites include Rockafellows and Three Bridges bridge. More information can be obtained from the RHA website.
 - b. Mr. Klotz reminded members that we should begin to prepare for the Memorial Day table.
 - c. Mr. Klotz suggested that OSAB develop a public forum where questions could be discussed. Mr. Klotz, Mrs. Allen and Mr. Huelsebusch will review options.
 - d. Mrs. Allen proposed that OSAB support a farm tour sometime in late April early May. The Board requested Mrs. Allen plan the event.
 - e. The Board supported the need to continue the nursery. A planting plan is needed indicating what tree species are needed and where they should be planted. Members should submit their suggestions to Mr. Huelsebusch for further discussion.
 - f. Mr. Becker made a presentation of the OneNote document management system. Mr. John, Mr. Klotz, Mr. Heller and Mrs. Sabin volunteered to participate in reviewing the application.
12. Comments from the Public: Mrs. Baldwin requested clarification of the ROSI data prepared by Mrs. Allen. Mr. Tropello challenged the Board to look for revenue generating use of open space lands.
13. Comments from the Board: None
14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.