

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 6, 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:** Kristine Cromwell, Godehard Rau, Kristof Rau

1. Mr. Huelsebusch called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes of April 1, 2015 were approved.
3. Correspondence/Other information: None
4. Regular Reports:
  - a. Preservation and Green Acres activities:
    - i. Payment from Transco expected shortly allowing closing on Reno property. Survey work will be started on the Lorenzen parcel.
    - ii. Properties on Lamington/Island and Readington have initiated farmland preservation by the owners.
  - b. County Open Space: No report.
  - c. Readington Township:
    - i. Mrs. Duffy brought up Township Committee (TC) agenda item regarding Deer hunting bids. (see new business).
    - ii. The status of training to meet the Forest Management Plan was reviewed (see old business).
5. New Business:
  - a. Scout Kristof Rau Troop 1969, presented his plan for improvements on the Cole Road Greenway. Activities will include placement of map boxes, small kiosks, benches, and signage. Minor suggestions were made. The Board supports the project and Mr. Heller will be coordinator.
  - b. Mr. Huelsebusch suggested a tree planting for the Stanton trail. It will be held at 8:30 AM Saturday, May 9.
  - c. The TC referred to OSAB for a review of the 2015-16 lease of open space for deer hunting. Many issues were discussed regarding previous reward bid amounts and variations in cost per acre. Additional concerns regarded more

accountability for kill numbers, doe to buck ratios, sign posting and amount of deposit. Mr. Klotz reviewed the recommendation made by OSAB to the TC last year. It was agreed to update the recommendations. Mr. Klotz will complete and send to members for review.

6. Old Business:

a. Current Projects:

i. Board reviewed the recent tree give away program which was well recieved by the public. Over 1200 trees were given way. Lessoned learned and future changes were discussed. Mr. Heller will finalize any requirements needed to meet NJ DEP requirements.

ii. Mrs. Madon reqested ideas and materials for the Open Space Memorial Day Table and for members to staff during the event.

iii. Mr. Becker announced that the DEP 2015 Trails grant proposal has been submitted. This grant would fund improvements on the Lazy Brook Greenway. Grant announcement expected in October.

iv. Dr. Kelly stated that student work on the forest status and deer count was continuing. Preliminary data shows high deer counts on Cole Road are high even after hunting season.

v. Requirements to maintain Forest Management certification were reviewed. After discussion, Mr. Becker and Dr. Hendrickson agreed to be public representatives. Mrs. Duffy will bring the Forest Management Plan to the attention of the TC for direction. Mr. Becker will be available to present to the TC and answer any questions.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.