

Readington Township Open Space Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2020

Attendance:

Member	Aug. 5
Mr. Huelsebusch, Chair	X
Mrs. Allen, Vice Chair	X
Mr. John	X
Mrs. Madon	
Mr. Mueller	X
Mr. Orlandi	X
Mrs. Owen	X
Mr. Klotz, 2nd Alternate	X
Niel Hendrickson	X
Jay Kelly	X
Mr. Bola	X

Members of the Public: Mayor Jonathan Heller.

1. The Chairman calls the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., announcing that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.
2. Attendance, via video conference: As noted above. [REDACTED]
3. Approval of the minutes: Mr. Hendrickson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3rd. Mr. [REDACTED] Orlandi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.
4. Community Communications:
 - a. Mr. Huelsebusch highlighted items coming out on the Township

website under the OSAB.

b. Mr. Klotz pointed out that monthly walks are still on hold. Last month, Mr. Huelsebusch suggested perhaps holding a field visit to the Gallo property for the OSAB as a pilot walk.

c. As a result of a recommendation from the trails subcommittee, the Chairman asked for the announcement for work sessions be on the website for reference by the members and volunteers.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Regular Reports:

Farmland Preservation and Green Acres Developments: Mrs. Allen announced that the owners of a 28 acre wooded parcel and known as the Fitzgerald property, which fronts on Coddington Road and is south of the NJ Transit Line, have agreed to a contract of sale with Readington Township. The Saums property on Rockafellows Mill Road, now owned by Readington Township was recently been divided into a 50 acre parcel for Green Acres and a 55 acre parcel for Farmland Preservation. The Agricultural Advisory Committee will work with the Township Administrator to apply for Farmland Preservation funds.

Hunterdon County Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee Updates: Mr. Huelsebusch announced that the Committee approved 50% funding for the Fitzgerald property in Readington. Readington's Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant will fund the remaining 50%. The next meeting of the HC POSAC will be in late September. The County still has about one million dollars left in its Trust Fund.

Environmental Commission Updates: Dr. Hendrickson reported that the tree subcommittee convened to talk about the treatment of Ash trees and to decide which trees were in the Township's ROW. He also reported that the Spotted Lantern Fly had arrived in Readington, and that the Hunt Club bidding process was complete.

Readington Streams and Groundwater Subcommittee: Mr. Orlandi reported that members of this subcommittee met with staff members the Raritan Headwaters non-profit in July. He described a number of items

discussed relating to improving water quality and wildlife habitat in Readington, including recommended type of road treatment and PSE &G's maintenance issues.

Readington Township Updates:

a. Trails Subcommittee updates: SEP

i. Mr. Klotz reported on trail maintenance, specifically the implementation of the new Trail maintenance plan involving contract mowers.

ii. There will be a Readington CERT volunteer project scheduled for August.

iii The Trails Sub Committee will be meeting shortly, and also will hold it's own work session in August. He mentioned a suggestion to add a second trail head for the Rocky Road Trail off of Indian Purchase Road. There is presently a Trailhead on Dreahook Road.

b. Stewardship updates: No report

7. New Business: None

8. Old and Ongoing Business: None

9. Comments from the Public: None

10. Comments from the Board: None

11. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Klotz, seconded by Dr. Hendrickson, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Julia Allen.