

Open Space Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 12, 2021 (meeting via video and phone due to Covid-19)

Present: Adair, Conner, Dey, Hess, Knell, Mayer, Muscella, Perry, Rich, Zipin; *Absent:* Maines

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Ms. Muscella at 7:14.
2. **Elections:** Chairperson: Maura Dey; Vice Chair: Harry Mayer; Secretary: Lisa Knell.
3. **Consideration of Minutes.** The minutes from November 10, 2020 were approved with no changes.
4. **Establishment of 2021 Meeting Schedule:** We will not meet in December unless necessary.
5. **Introduction of New Members.** Denise Conner and Town Council Liason Dave Zipin were welcomed onto the committee.
6. **Status Update: Code Enforcement:** Hope to do some outside walking of our Open Spaces. Patty reported that the Township would like to explore the idea of encouraging residents to get new surveys done when they are selling their properties so we can see if there are any encroachments. We will give this some thought and discuss at a future meeting.
7. **Status Update: Signage for Little Woods, Water Works Woods.** Maura will touch base with Patty; make note of any other spaces that need signage. Will discuss at future meeting.
8. **New Business: Swede Run Trails.** Clair reported that STEM discussed planting and developing a meadow – it's a big project that STEM cannot do alone; they would need Township and OSAC support. Harry is planning to walk the space with NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife person this week about turning the field into a meadow.
9. **Miscellaneous matters:** Carson's Farm parcel owned by The Evergreens – we have looked at this in the past; former owners hoped it would be open space; they are interested in talking with us; parcel is contiguous to Yanai.
10. **Miscellaneous matters:** Two properties we've been actively discussing are Trucksess (contiguous to Boundary Creek) and Flying Feather Farm (two parcels: the farm stand that is a gateway to town and another open parcel). We may present the new Council members with background and information about these two properties that we have been working on preserving for some time.
11. **New Business: Goals for 2021.** Next meeting we want to review our list of Open Spaces see what needs to be added or updated.
12. **Public Comment:** none
13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 by Ms. Dey. The next scheduled meeting is February 9, 2021.