

Open Space Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Meeting Date: March 9, 2021 (meeting via video & 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. Dey at 7:04.
2. **Consideration of Minutes.** The minutes from January 12, 2021 and February 9, 2021 were approved with no changes.
3. **Status Update: “The Hill” at Garwood and Westfield (possible mitigation):** Dave reported there was discussion about the property; he noted importance of moving forward with the Trucksess property; Tom Merchel to look at finances.
4. **Status Update: Trucksess:** County has said that they are interested in working with the Township and they have applied for a grant but because of the economy they cannot fully commit; dealing with financial constraints right now. Do we have the means to do it in an alternate way if necessary, because of the cost?
5. **Status Update: Priority List Review:** We reviewed the Potential Open Space Priorities list and updated it with ownership/rating changes
6. **Status Update: Swedes Run Fields – plantings and maintenance:** Keeping it a meadow would help bring in birds and pollinators; plantings near the road and then native grasses behind; a lot of work to be done; STEM working on it. Discussed putting a second roof on the Swedes Run Barn – there is no one historically “correct” type of roof.
7. **Status Update: Signage Order:** Trying to clarify what we need.
8. **New Business: Review of 2021 Open Space Trust Fund and Financials:** We will review independently and talk about it in April.
9. **New Business: Preparing a comprehensive Open Space List:** Still working this.
10. **New Business: Pennsauken Creek access:** Lots 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 give access to the creek.
11. **Public Comment:** none
12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 by Ms. Dey. The next scheduled meeting is April 13, 2021.