

# Open Space Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes DRAFT

**Meeting Date:** April 13, 2021 (meeting via video & phone due to Covid-19)

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

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mayer at 7:11.
2. **Consideration of Minutes.** The minutes from March 9, 2021 were tabled until the next meeting.
3. **Status Update: “The Hill” at Garwood and Westfield (possible litigation):** Tom Merchel talking with the attorneys
4. **Status Update: Trucksess:** There is strong interest; we need county support; would like it to be an extension of Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area. New Jersey Conservation Foundation may be a group to talk with about available options.
5. **Status Update: Priority List Review:** Patty sent the committee an updated version of the Priority List. Committee will review for next meeting.
6. **Status Update: Swedes Run Fields – plantings and maintenance:** STEM has offered to contribute \$7,000 for planting of a meadow; including native grasses that grow about 3 feet tall; working with State and hope to get it done this year by end of May.
7. **Status Update: Signage Order:** No update.
8. **New Business: Review of 2021 Open Space Trust Fund and Financials:** Patty sent this prior to the March meeting; she will re-send. We will review independently and talk about it in May.
9. **New Business: Preparing a comprehensive Open Space List:** Patty sent the committee and updated list (*Spreadsheet of Twp Property 4-9-2021*). This list is being used by encroachment officers.
10. **New Business: Farmed Open Spaces:** Our understanding is that there are currently no Township Open Spaces being farmed.
11. **New Business: Stewardship:** Still trying to get this started; Scout troops might be doing something.
12. **New Business: Pennsauken Creek access:** No updated. Lots 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 give access to the creek.
13. **Public Comment:** none
14. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 by Mr. Mayer. The next scheduled meeting is May 11, 2021.