

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 6, 2016**

Attendance:

Member	JAN 6	FEB 3	MAR 2	APR 6	MAY 4	JUN 1	AUG 3	SEP 7	OCT 5	NOV 2
Mrs. Allen	x									
Mr. Becker	x									
Mr. Heller	x									
Mr. Huelsebusch	x									
Dr. Hendrickson	x									
Dr. Kelly										
Mrs. Madon										
Mrs. Sabin	x									
Mr. John	x									
Mr. Klotz	x									
Mrs. Duffy										

**Members of the Public:** None

1. Mr. Huelsebusch called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes of October 7, 2015 and November 4, 2015 were approved.
3. The Chairman announced the 2016 meeting dates (as indicated in the attendance chart above) and that current member appointments expiring will be renewed. Mr. Huelsebusch will remain Chairman and Mrs. Allen, Vice Chairman. Mr. Becker was approved as secretary.
4. Correspondence/Other information: None
5. Regular Reports:
  - a. Preservation and Green Acres activities:
    - i. The 5 acre Reno property closed.
    - ii. The 29 acre property on Cushetunk is still under survey processing.
    - iii. Farmland Preservation actions are in process for properties in Three Bridges and Rockaway Creek area north of Ryland Inn.
    - iv. Transco has made payment to the Township for pipeline activities.
  - b. County Open Space: No report.
  - c. Readington Township: No report.
  - d. The next township hike is scheduled for January 17 on the Lachenmayer Trail.
6. Old Business:

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a. Mr. Huelsebusch advised that any observation of violations on open space land should be directed to Vita Mekovetz, Township Administrator and also copy the OSAB chair so committee is aware of correspondence to Vita.

b. Mr. Klotz indicated that ground disturbances on Woodschurch Road are continuing resolution.

c. The incident reported in November regarding an issue on the East Whitehouse property has been resolved between the affected parties.

d. Mr. Huelsebusch passed out the final "Readington Township Open Space Advisory Board Annual Report – 2015." for final review.

7. New Business:

a. Mr. Huelsebusch provided a members list and asked for any correction in e-mail addresses. The 2015 members coordination list was reviewed. Mr. Heller agreed to coordinate scout projects, Mr. Koltz will handle kiosk display and maintenance. Members are asked to review to finalize next meeting.

b. Mr. Huelsebusch brought to the Board's attention an initiative by New Jersey Conservation to review proposed logging on Sparta Mt. Information can be found at [http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/spartamt\\_plan.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/spartamt_plan.htm) Members if interested should make comments to New Jersey Conservation on monitor their website for further in formation.

c. Mrs. Allen briefed the Board on the proposed County Open Space Trust Fund Plan updated in December 2015 for public comment. (a copy of the plan was sent to Board members by the Chairman). Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Allen and Mr. Heller will participate in coordinating comments and addressing concerns at the Freeholder public hearing scheduled for January 19.

d. Mr. Becker agreed to coordinate a group to review the current deer hunting program and activities and plan for the 2016/17 hunting season. Mrs. Sabin, Mr. Heller agreed to participate. Other stake holders will be contacted as necessary.

8. Member Reports:

a. Mr. Heller reported that the Environmental Commission is proceeding with submission for a EC 319H grant involving projects to mitigate stream runoff on Holland Brook and Pleasant Run.

b. Mrs. Allen reported that the Cushetunk Nature property will have a natural resource inventory done.

c. Mr. Becker reported that work on the Forest Hill property is continuing and the deer enclosure is expected to be completed in January. The committee reviewing the 2014 Forest Management plan is expected to meet in January.

d. The Board supported another public tree planting program. Members will review available programs to support for the next meeting.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.