

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 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	X								
Mr. Becker	x	X								
Mr. Heller	x	X								
Mr. Huelsebusch	x	X								
Dr. Hendrickson	x	X								
Dr. Kelly		X								
Mrs. Madon										
Mrs. Sabin	x									
Mr. John	x	X								
Mr. Klotz	x	X								
Mrs. Duffy										

Members of the Public: Gabrielle Bolarakis, Chris Heycock, Carlos Ferreiro

1. Mr. Huelsebusch called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes of January 6, 2016 were approved.
3. Correspondence/Other information: None
4. Regular Reports:
 - a. Preservation and Green Acres activities:
 - i. The Cole and Schley properties are processing.
 - ii. Support for the Bemelman property is being provided.
 - b. County Open Space: The county has removed references to the County Economic Development Strategy and agriculture development from the Open Space Plan and will present for public comment again.
 - c. Readington Township: No report.
 - d. The next township hike is scheduled for February 21 on Cushtunk Mt.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Mr. Becker reported that a meeting was held to initiate a review of the Township deer hunting program. Representatives from State DEP deer management, local hunters and OSAB attended. The group will continue to explore any changes and report back to OSB by April 1, 2016.
 - b. Mr. Becker said that the Forest Management Plan review group was reviewing plan elements for prioritization and plans a review meeting in February.

6. New Business:

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a. Representatives from the Recreation Committee previewed a proposed use of trails on the Vislocky (Pickell Park) system. A series of 28 archery targets (4.5 x 3 x 3 ft.) would be spaced off the trail. The course would be used for training and scheduled programs. Discussion considered safety, location, present criteria, visual impact, and environmental concerns. Mrs. Allen will draft a recommendation letter for members to review.

7. Member Reports:

a. Mr. Heller reviewed the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign program for 2016. We will participate again this year with 1500 to 2000 plants to be available in April and May.

b. Mr. Heller also announced that the Raritan Headwaters clean-up for the South Branch will be held April 16.

c. Dr. Kelly restated his concern for the State's logging plan for Sparta Mt. Members should review the link sent after last month's meeting regarding the plan and voice their concerns. He will prepare an overview of the issues.

d. Mr. John indicated that trail work will be done February 20, at the Cushetunk Nature Center. A notice will be sent confirming time and location.

e. Mr. Becker commented that the deer enclosure has been installed at the Forest Hill Preserve property.

f. Dr. Kelly announced that RVCC students would be collecting sap from the maples at Forest Hill Friday, 2/5 at 11:00AM.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.