

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

Members of the Public: Alex DiGiovanni, Steve Foster

1. Mr. Huelsebusch called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes of March 2, 2016 were approved.
3. Correspondence/Other information: None
4. Regular Reports:
 - a. Preservation and Green Acres activities: No new information.
 - b. County Open Space: No report
 - c. Readington Township: No report.
 - d. The next township hikes are scheduled for April 17 at Cushetunk Nature Center and May 15, Round Mt., June 19, Whitehouse.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Mr. Heller updated the free tree giveaway program. Trees will be picked up on Friday and banded by species with color coded bands. Giveaway will start at 10:00 AM Saturday at the Municipal Building. On April 10, planting will be done at Dobozyński Farm Park. If needed, a second giveaway is scheduled for April 16.
6. New Business:
 - a. Mr. Foster, Environmental Commission, presented status on 319h Grant and the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commission's Open Space Support Grant. The 319h project will focus on methods to improve water quality on the Pleasant Run and Holland Brook by adapting rain gardens and flood plain technics. The stewardship grant is intended to install cameras at natural location to monitor and record events to be used by the school district to create environmental awareness.

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b. Mr. DiGiovanni (Troop 1980 Scout Project) reviewed his proposed trail and kiosk layout for Lazy Brook Preserve. A further walk through is planned with Mr. Becker and Mr. Heller (others as available) to survey final locations as suggested by board members.

7. Member Reports:

a. Mr. John proposed April 23 for next work day. Location to be decided.

b. Mrs. Maddon expressed concerned that trail brochures were not going to be funded. The status will be investigated.

c. Mr. Becker reported that the Forest Management Council supported applying for a Forest Management Grant to conduct a township tree inventory. The need to improve public awarness of tree care and benefits was also considered a high priority. The Deer Management committee was waiting for final kill data on township property. Based on state and county observations, harvest rates were 25% below normal periods. On April 1, a walk through of the Vislocky and Block 25 Lot 50 was made with a state forester to look at the ash tree content for potential biological treatment. Because no EAB have been detected and the concentration of ash may be to low, this alternative mitigation may not be availabe.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.