

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 4, 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	X					
Mr. Becker	X	X	X	X	X					
Mr. Heller	X	X	X	X	X					
Mr. Huelsebusch	X	X	X	X	X					
Dr. Hendrickson	X	X	X		X					
Dr. Kelly		X								
Mrs. Madon			X	X	X					
Mrs. Sabin	X		X	X						
Mr. John	X	X	X	X	X					
Mr. Klotz	X	X	X		X					
Mrs. Duffy			X		X					

**Members of the Public:** Andrew Gallagher, Kevin Gallagher, Loretta Cheswick

1. Mr. Huelsebusch called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes of April 6 were approved.
3. Correspondence/Other information: None
4. Regular Reports:
  - a. Preservation and Green Acres activities: Lorenzen property to close, Schley, Profeta and Cole property proceeding.
  - b. County Open Space: Members commented on their participation in the county focus groups as part of the county parks and open space planning process.
  - c. Readington Township: No specific actions requiring Board attention.
  - d. April hike at Cushetunk Nature Center had over 60 participants. Future hikes; May 15, Round Mt., June 19, Whitehouse.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Members thanked Mr. Heller for his leadership on the tree give away programs which was viewed as being very successful. Information was shared to help for next year's program.
6. New Business:
  - a. Scout Andrew Gallagher presented an overview of the work he planned to do on the Forest Hill Preserve. Activities include kiosk installation, bench assemble and placement and trail clearing. Mr. Becker will send a letter of project approval to support Mr. Gallagher project.

b. Mr. Klotz recommended that the chairman place the review of the hunting leases on the agenda in the next few months so that the process of reviewing the hunting program and making recommendations to the governing board can be completed well in advance of the bid cycle for the 2017-18 hunting season. In addition it was recommended that the agricultural lease program be similarly placed on the agenda in the next few months to review the coexistence of the program with the other uses of the open space. This, again, is so that the Board can make recommendations about regulations, communication with farmers, and the addition or removal of parcels for leasing well in advance of the next cycle.

c. Mr. Becker requested comments on ground preparation around kiosks and the need to secure trail benches. It was decided that benches should be secured and that kiosks should use a barrier with a mulch cover if in a grassy area and left natural if in wooded area.

d. While reviewing the proposed Lazy Brook Greenway trail, a question regarding the boundary of Block 94 intersection of lots 19 and 8 was raised. Mrs. Allen will provide survey data for review to Mr. Becker.

e. Mr. Klotz was requested to draft a mowing map for the White Trail loop and the Stickney trails so DPW can be asked to mow the pathways. Mrs. Duffy will submit the mowing request to DPW.

7. Member Reports:

a. Mr. John proposed May 14 and 21 for tree planting work days. He will provide information on time and location.

b. Mrs. Maddon was starting planning for participation for the Memorial Day booth.

c. Mr. Becker reported that the grant application to conduct a tree inventory has been submitted. Data on deer kill on leased properties has just been received and comparison to county and other data was needed. Any recommendations for changes in deer management will be provided by July 1. A review of the scout project scope for Lazy Brook Greenway was made and supported.

d. Dr. Hendrickson was asked to be a member of the county shade tree commission.

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

