

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 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	X	X	X		
Mr. Becker	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mr. Heller	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mr. Huelsebusch	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Dr. Hendrickson	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
Dr. Kelly		X				X	X	X		
Mrs. Madon			X	X	X	X				
Mrs. Sabin	X		X	X		X	X			
Mr. John	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mr. Klotz	X	X	X		X	X	X			
Mrs. Duffy			X		X	X		X		

Members of the Public: Anne Owen, Lisa Hall, Kim Yousey, Jerry Cook

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes of August 3, 2016 were approved.
3. Correspondence/Other information: From Vita Mekovitz regarding 109 Pine Bank Road (see new business).
4. Regular Reports:
 - a. Web Site and Events: September 18 hike scheduled for Pleasant Run, October 16, Lachenmayr.
 - b. County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee: Mr. Huelsebusch reviewed two Readington properties (near Dart's Mill and Stanton Station) which were at one time of interest for the South Branch Greenway project that are of current interest to the county. The next county meeting is 9/19.
 - c. Readington Township: The Telleri property holding for tank removal issue.
 - d. Farmland Preservation and Green Acres: Mrs. Allen reported that current projects are on track. Township recieved funding for Forest Hill (23 acre property acqusition was made at no cost to tax payers), Profeta properties are being appraised. Lorenzen property closing not scheduled.
 - e. Environmental Commission: No report.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Mr. Becker reported that Mr. Broten had contacted the pipeline authorities regarding the wash out at Bouman-Stickney. Ms. Hall and Ms. Owen reviewed actions taken by RTA members on trail damage. Except for the River Trail, damages seem to have been mitigated.

b. Public tour of preserved farm plan. No action.

6. New Business:

a. The Board reviewed property at 109 Pine Bank which was offered for sale to the Township. The property is well wooded and provides an access to Cole Road East property from Pine Bank Road. The Board supported the acquisition providing that access easement is clear. Mrs. Duffy will follow-up. Mr. Huelsebusch will notify the Township of support.

b. The situation regarding the damage to the white trail at Stanton Mt. was disussed. The Township had posted "Trail Closed" signs. A sign should be posted at the trail entrance to the woods. Other issues involved zoning land use and commercial access to the trail system. Mrs. Duffy will follow-up corrective action.

c. Land damage, mowing questions and other issues regarding Township lands leased to farmers was discussed. Mr. Becker will facilitate a meeting to address user land needs with the leasee. (Ms. Allen, Hall, Owen, and Mr. Heller and Mr. Huelsebusch agreed to participate.)

d. Mr. Becker presented properties to hunt that the Deer Management Committe has suggested. Recommendation as indicated in table and indicates only that the area is huntable. Information will be used by the Hunting Committee for further action.

Name	Block/Lot	Acres	Recommendation
Taylor Mills	3 / 3, 3.01	44	Bow Only
East Whitehouse	13/54,34.01	51	Bow Only
Dreahook East	45 / 26.06,10.02	75	Not Supported - Delete
Bouman-Stickney	50 / 41,13	90	Bow Only
Roosevelt	55 / 1.91,7.09	70	Bow Only
River Trail	72 / 36.99	70	Bow Only
Forest Hill	93/1	23	Bow Only

7. Member Reports:

a. Mr. John reported work planned was not completed and a schedule of projects and dates will be issued shortly.

b. Mr. Becker provided summary of project status (Attachment 1.)

c. Dr. Hendrickson pointed out that there are some mature ash trees that if left to EAB attacked and died, could pose a danger if they fell. This pointed out the need to establish a plan to inventory ash trees. Mr. Becker will review with the Forest Management Committee for recommendation to address.

d. Mr. Heller announced the scout working on the Cushetunk project has completed the kiosks. It was recommended to call the trail "Rockaway Creek"

e. Members are reminded to check the nursery to water in current dry period.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10.02 PM.