

READINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 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	X	
Mr. Becker	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mr. Heller	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mr. Huelsebusch	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Dr. Hendrickson	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Dr. Kelly		X				X	X	X		
Mrs. Madon			X	X	X	X			X	
Mrs. Sabin	X		X	X		X	X			
Mr. John	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mr. Klotz	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	
Mrs. Duffy			X		X	X		X	X	

Members of the Public: Anne Owen, Lisa Hall, Kim Yousey, Al Villani

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes of September 7, 2016 were approved.
3. Correspondence/Other information:
 - a. Letter regarding 2018 Planning Incentive Grant Cycle. Mr. Huelsebusch, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Duffy will identify and contact parties that may be interested in farm land preservation.
4. Regular Reports:
 - a. Web Site and Events: October 16 hike on Lachenmayr. November hike to be at Forest Hill as part of official opening of grant project. Mr. Becker will send to Mr. Klotz information for announcement.
 - b. County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee: County improving access to small piece of land off Woodfern Rd. No other significant action.
 - c. Readington Township: No specific action.
 - d. Farmland Preservation and Green Acres: Mrs. Allen reported that current projects are on track.
 - e. Environmental Commission: The 319H grant for water management is processing. Wildridge has been contracted to do a plant life survey at Cushetunk Nature Center. A camera will be purchased to capture natural activities at the Nature Center of school use.
5. Old Business:
 - a. The pipe line company addressed the repair at Bouman-Stickney.
 - b. Public tour of preserved farm plan. To be considered for 2017.

- c. Potential acquisition of Pine Bank property. In process.
 - d. White trail damage at Stanton Mt. still requires some improved signage.
- Other matters regarding land zoning use still in review.

6. New Business:

- a. Mr. Huelsebusch will obtain a list of scouts to receive letter of commendation for their projects.
- b. Mr. Villani agreed to removal a fallen tree on Pleasant Run.
- c. Mr. Heller has a scout interested in invasive removal. He will review with Dr. Kelly possible projects.
- d. Mr. Becker reported on the Agriculture Land Lease meeting attended by Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Hall. Cole Road West mowing was completed. Major concern expressed was the need to clarify who and when should keep trails mowed and other communication needs as to work being done on leased properties. Mr. Huelsebusch agreed to review the issues and establish a solution plan.

7. Member Reports:

- a. Mr. John reported trees had been planted on the River Trail, Lachenmyr area and Cole Road East parking area. A future work plan has been communicated.
- b. Mr. Becker reported that the Forest Hill project is nearing completion and the November 20 hike will be used for the official opening. The Forest Management team will meet shortly to plan a emerald ash borer strategy for the Township. The Lazy Brook trail is on hold pending finding a scout to complete trail marking, benches and trail improvement. A meeting to define the parking area off Summer Road will be held pending DPW schedule.
- c. Mr. Huelsebusch requested input from members to prepare the OSAB 2016 Annual Report.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.