

**MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND COMMITTEE**

October 19, 2022

Held remotely via WebEx:

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Jay Thomson.

Members present:

Jacqueline (Jaki) Albrecht, Region III – Roxbury
Patrick Antonetti, Region VI – Lincoln Park
Astri Baillie, Region VIII – Madison
Betty Cass-Schmidt, Morris County Park Commission
Jennifer Cooper, Region I – Chester Borough
Nita Galate, Morris County Planning Board and Trail Program Advisory Committee
Thomas Galfo, Morris County Agriculture Development Board
Larry Gindoff, Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority
Suzanne McCluskey, At-Large
Robert Norton, Region IV – Wharton
Mohamed Seyam, At-Large
Jay Thomson, Region II - Randolph

Members with Excused Absence:

Thomas “Ace” Gallagher, Region VII – Hanover
David Kaplan, Region V – Parsippany-Troy Hills

Also attending:

John Napolitano, Esq., Morris County Counsel (arrived 6:02 P.M.)
Joe Barilla, Director, Morris County Office of Planning & Preservation
Barbara Murray, Open Space Program Coordinator, Morris County Office of Planning & Preservation
Robert G. Schwarz, MAI, Review Appraiser, Morris County Preservation Trust

Members of the Public:

None

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Chairman Thomson stated that, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting had been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, the Open Space Trust Fund Committee may exclude the public to discuss matters as are provided under the Act; and

WHEREAS, said Act provided that this Committee may exclude the public from the discussion of such matters,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Open Space Trust Fund Committee hereby excludes the public in order to discuss such matters. The general nature of the subject to be discussed is as follows: Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property. On a motion by Suzanne McCluskey, seconded by Jennifer Cooper, the committee closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session at 6:04 P.M.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:04 P.M.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

2022 Open Space Recommendations – On a motion by Jaki Albrecht, seconded by Suzanne McCluskey, the Committee approved transmitting their 2022 open space grant recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, per the discussion held in executive session with abstentions and dissensions for specific projects as noted. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Albrecht, Antonetti, Baillie, Cass-Schmidt, Cooper, Galate, Galfo, Gindoff, McCluskey, Norton, Seyam, Thomson. Nay: None Abstain: None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Jennifer Cooper, seconded by Suzanne McCluskey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Murray