

**MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND COMMITTEE
September 30, 2023
8:30 A.M.**

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The meeting was called to order at 8:40 AM by Chairman Jay Thomson.

Members present:

Patrick Antonetti, Region VI – Lincoln Park

Betty Cass-Schmidt, Morris County Park Commission

Jennifer Cooper, At-Large

Nita Galate, Region III – Mount Arlington

Thomas Galfo, Morris County Agriculture Development Board

Thomas “Ace” Gallagher, Region VII – Hanover

Larry Gindoff, Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

Tom Malinousky, Morris County Trail Program Advisory Committee

Suzanne McCluskey, At-Large

Everton Scott, Morris County Planning Board

Laura Szwak, Region I – Mount Olive

Jay Thomson, Region II - Randolph

Members with excused absence:

Astri Baillie, Region VIII - Madison

David Kaplan, Region V – Parsippany-Troy Hills

Adam Salberg, Region IV – Rockaway Township

Also attending:

Joe Barilla, Director, Morris County Office of Planning & Preservation

Barbara Murray, Open Space Program Coordinator, Morris County Office of Planning & Preservation

William Johnson, Esq., Special Counsel, Morris County Preservation Trust Fund

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.

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 Nita Galate, seconded by Laura Szwak, the committee closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session at 8:42 AM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reopened to the public at 10:15 AM

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM for Madison's final presentation on the Drew Forest application followed by Committee deliberations (both in closed session).

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Thomas Gallagher, seconded by Betty Cass-Schmidt, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:16 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Murray