

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

September 7, 2022

Held remotely via WebEx:

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The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM 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
David Kaplan, Region V – Parsippany-Troy Hills
Suzanne McCluskey, At-Large
Robert Norton, Region IV - Wharton
Mohamed Seyam, At-Large
Jay Thomson, Region II - Randolph

Member with excused absence:

Thomas “Ace” Gallagher, Region VII – Hanover

Also attending:

John Napolitano, Esq., Morris County Counsel (left meeting at 7:35 P.M.)
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
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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Astri Baillie, second by Nita Galate, the committee approved the regular and closed session minutes of the March , 2021 meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Albrecht, Antonetti, Baillie, Cass-Schmidt, Cooper, Galate, Galfo, Kaplan, McCluskey, Norton, Seyam, Thomson Nay: None Abstain: Gindoff

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 Betty Cass-Schmidt, seconded by Jaki Albrecht, the committee closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session at 7:08 P.M.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:19 P.M.

1. Site Visits – via WebEx

Ms. Murray stated site visits will occur via WebEx on October 1 at 8:45 to approximately 11 AM. Members will have the opportunity to view a 10-minute video submitted by applicants prior to the meeting; these will be uploaded onto OneDrive and members will be provided a link to access them. Any visits to the properties must be arranged on their own. Applicants will be present for the October 1 meeting to answer any questions on their videos, or application materials.

2. Applicant Final Presentations – via WebEx

Ms. Murray stated final presentations will also occur via WebEx the evening of October 19 at 6:00 PM. Applicants will present a live PowerPoint slideshow during the meeting and be available to answer any final questions about the applications prior to deliberations on that same night.

OLD BUSINESS

Morris County Open Space Master Plan-Goals and Objectives – Ms. Murray stated the County has initiated work to update the Open Space Element of the Master Plan. All members received a copy of the present Goals and Objectives from the present Open Space Master Plan which dates back to 1988; this predates the ballot question creating the Open Space Trust Fund. She requested members provide their comments, including any suggested deletions/additions, by no later than December 2. These will be summarized and presented at the December 15 meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 8:45 A.M. via WebEx for site visits with applicants.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Nita Galate, seconded by Jaki Albrecht, the meeting was unanimously

adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Murray