

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES 3/6/17**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Peter J. O'Neill in the Large Conference Room.

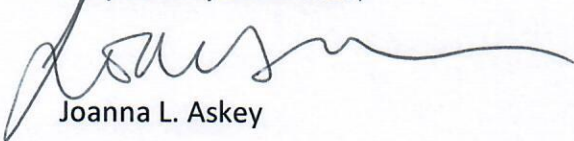
The salute of the American Flag took place in the Public Meeting Room.

Members present were: George Armenti, Richard Pfluger, Peter J. O'Neill, Frank Alansky, Brendan Rae and Joanna Askey.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved unanimously by members.

1. The Township Committee has requested that we submit a written proposal regarding the need for a landscape architect. It was clarified that that the landscape architect would serve in an advisory capacity only; any recommendations are not intended to be binding on Township boards or committees.
2. Ten acres of Gillette open space adjacent to the Eberle property could provide an access point for a future Passaic River trail running from Berkeley Heights to Mountain Avenue in Gillette and/or a future canoe launch. The property should be surveyed at some point.
3. We will prepare a proposal describing the potential Passaic River boat launch project.
4. We discussed the February 8 public hearing on the Central Park land swap. There will be two more required public hearings before the land swap can be approved.
5. We discussed the Open Space Trust Fund and agreed that the OSC should receive information on fund finances. It was acknowledged that the majority of available funding for the foreseeable future will likely be used for costs associated with Central Park.
6. Public comments and announcements: none.
7. Meeting ended at 8:40 p.m. upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on April 3, 2017 in the Large Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanna L. Askey