

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES 9/11/17

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Peter J. O'Neill in the Small Conference Room.

Members present were: Richard Pfluger, Peter J. O'Neill, Joanna Askey and George Armenti (via speaker phone). A big thank you to George who was home sick, but nevertheless participated in the meeting by speaker phone which allowed us to have a quorum. Approval of the May meeting minutes was carried to the next meeting.

1. Vision Committee update: The Vision Committee is currently reorganizing under the new Township Administrator.
2. Joanna will send to the Town Clerk our revised memo recommending the retention of a landscape architect to advise on the Central Park project and other open space/planning projects.
3. We discussed ways of moving forward on passive recreation goals that have been under consideration for some time. After our meeting in June with Dave Helmer, we are looking forward to working with Morris County Parks on these projects.
4. Installing a canoe launch either at Peninsula Park or at Morris County Parkland at the southwest end of Valley Road is a priority at this point. It was pointed out that the boat launch near Lord Stirling Nature Center on Whitebridge Road, Somerset County at the Long Hill border gets a lot of traffic. Next step is looking at the tax map and making a visit to the potential sites. According to the Morris County Parks map there appears to already be an area for parking at the Peninsula Park site.
5. There was further discussion of Railroad Avenue. The proper designation of that street is part of our plan for safe public access for Stirling residents to Central Park and adjacent parkland.

It is believed that Railroad Avenue is part of the planned grid of Stirling streets and that the paper street should thus run in a straight line from Central Avenue east to Township Parkland. It further believed that this grid has in the past been properly mapped on older maps, which show Railroad Avenue as a straight street.

However, more recent tax maps show the paper street as having a curve through the Mario Construction property. The recent engineering survey of the area completed in early mid/2017 also shows the road as curving. We will obtain a copy of the latest engineering survey so we can resolve this discrepancy.

6. Public comments and announcements: none.
7. Meeting ended at 8:30 p.m. upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on October 2, 2017 in the Large Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,


Joanna L. Askey