



Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund Program

Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 24th, 2021

AGENDA 1. POSAC convened on Monday May 24th, 2021, via teleconference. Chair Steeves welcomed those in attendance and the meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: *EARLE STEEVES, GABRIELLE BOLARAKIS, JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH, JOSHUA GOLDMAN, JANET HOWARD, KEN CARBERRY*

Excused: *DONALD BROUGHTON, H. JORDAN GUENTHER, BILL BOWLBY, GERRY LYNSS*

AGENDA 2. **Approval of the March 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes:** Ken Carberry made a motion to approve the minutes. Juergen Huelsebusch seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA 3. – MUNICIPAL GRANT REQUESTS

- none

AGENDA 4. – OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION ASSISTANCE GRANT REQUESTS

- Staff presented the details of the application by Hunterdon Land Trust for the preservation of the Eden Holding property in Raritan Township. Ms. Middleton representing Hunterdon Land Trust and Ms. Greene representing Raritan Twp presented additional details of the proposed acquisition. The Committee supports the preservation of this parcel given its proximity to Flemington and preventing the 19-house subdivision approved for the site. The preservation of the intact civil war era graveyard is also a concern. Juergen Huelsebusch made a motion to approve the application. Ken Carberry seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed with a members present voting for.

AGENDA 5. – PARKS OPERATIONAL

- Memorial Request – Walking Club Memorials – Staff detailed the request to install trees and plaques at the Arboretum to honor certain members of the Hunterdon Walking & Social Club. The Committee requested to ensure that the tree names were included on the plaques. Ken Carberry made a motion to approve the request. Janet Howard seconded. Motion passed.
- Prescott Bridge – Members asked and discussed the status of the bridge over the Prescott. Staff provided an update as to the permit and scouting of an alternative location that is less impactful to the dam and pond at Echo Hill.

AGENDA 6. – NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- Potential Acquisitions – Staff discussed with the Committee potential County Open Space acquisitions for the future.

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AGENDA 7. – POSAC/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ms. Middleton from the Hunterdon Land Trust reported on the closing of the Maritan Property in Kingwood Township utilizing a grant approved by the Committee. She thanked the Committee for their action making the preservation of the over 100 acre property a reality.

AGENDA 8. - ADJOURN – *Having no further business, Ken Carberry motioned to adjourn. Juergen Huelsebusch seconded. Meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully prepared and submitted by: *Bill Millette* July 26th, 2021