

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
July 2, 2020
REGULAR MEETING**

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Notice of this meeting appeared in The New Jersey Herald and The New Jersey Sunday Herald in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE

ATTENDANCE: In attendance was R. Michael Dolan, Dana French, Edwin Risdon, Steve Leenher, Buz Tomasino, James Ayers, Harold Pellow and Bob Canace. Not present were Ruth Campo, Faith Healey and Kevin Benbrook, Esq.

Conservation Advising - BOB CANACE – Report

- Farmland Targets – Sam Castimore (Block 12/Lot 2.01 – 58.78 acres)

This is moving through the application process, there were a few questions regarding leases.

OPEN SPACE

- Dry Brook Preserve – Updated Planting Plan and Farmer Proposal

There was a brief discussion regarding the planting plan, and what Farmer Jeff would be proposing for the future.

A motion was made by Mike Dolan to ask Kevin to draw up an amendment to the lease to proceed with the plan which was outlined in Bob Canace's memo, seconded by Dana French. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation – Culver Lake Golf Course Open Space Acquisition – The Committee will be moving forward to approve the recommendation of a \$50,000.00 donation from the Open Space Fund to the Township Committee for the acquisition of the Culver Lake Golf Club by The Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation.

Rich Ferruggia, President, The Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation – 92 Beemer Church Road, Branchville – The GCLWCF is looking for a contribution and support from the Open Space Committee that would be sent to the Township Committee at their next meeting to consider financial donation which would go toward the purchase of the Culver Lake Golf Course. The Culver Lake Golf Course would be preserved in perpetuity for the protection of the waterways that flow into Culver Brook. These waterways have been subjected to fertilization and pesticides and would be brought back to its native state, and be maintained for recreational purposes.

Mr. Ferruggia discussed water feed and drainage, through holes one and two, through the woodlands and heading towards Route 206, and ultimately into Culver Brook. Mr. Ferruggia mentioned that if this moves forward The Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation would take title to the property and maintain it. There is also built into the Contract to obtain a donation from the seller upon closing of the property, the Foundation also receives donations, and the foundation would also seek grant monies to go towards maintenance. Maintenance would consist of periodic mowing to keep the

existing cart paths clear, may wish to add some stone to enhance the walkways. Activities may range from hiking, mountain biking, cross country skiing in the winter months, snow shoeing, and other human activities. No motorized vehicles other than for emergency purposes and maintenance. To counter the perception that this is Normanoch property for use by Normanoch members, we will be very clearly stating in the public relations material that this is open to Frankford Township residents as well as the public, and Sussex County area residents. This will be clearly emphasized.

Mr. Ayers mentioned that the Clubhouse and 5 acres is being targeted for sale.

Further discussions ensued.

A motion as made by Mike Dolan to approve the recommendation of \$50,000.00 from the Open Space Funds to the Township Committee for The Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation to purchase the Culver Lake Golf Club, seconded by Steve Leehner. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mike Dolan, Steve Leehner, Buz Tomasino. Abstain: Ed Risdon, James Ayers, Dana French. With a majority of Ayes, motion carried.

MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes of the June 4, 2020 meeting.

A motion was made by Mike Dolan to approve the Minutes of the June 4, 2020 Open Space meeting, seconded by Buz Tomasino. All in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Walkkill Refuge – Papakating Trail Plan – Michael Horne – Will be looking for future updates from Mr. Horne.

NEW BUSINESS

- Frankford Park – Irrigation Field 9 – Quotes

Discussion on irrigation plans for Field 9 at Frankford Park.

A motion was made by Jim Ayers to approve developing bid specs of up to \$73,000.00 project to design/construct an irrigation system for Frankford Park Field #9 based on proposals by Wantage Excavating, Poust Trade Services & Michael Dolan Electrical Contractor, with final approval from the Township and Parks Committees, seconded by Mike Dolan. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mike Dolan, Dana French, Steve Leehner, Buz Tomasino. Abstain: Ed Risdon, James Ayers. With a majority of Ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ed Risdon to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mike Dolan. All in favor. Motion carried.