

BYRAM TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

MINUTES, October 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. Present were Chairman Ray Bonker, Scott Olson, Joe Sabatini, Andy Kimm, John Morytko, William Schilling, Sandy Uργο of TLC, and Secretary Cindy Church.

Closed Session 7:33 p.m. (see separate minutes)

Open Session 8:51p.m.

Approval of August 2015 minutes- Scott made a motion, which was seconded by Andy; all in favor to approve the August 2015 minutes.

Open Space Financial Report – Joe reported that there is \$417,593.64 in the local open space trust fund. In the reserve for debt service there is \$431,768.64. Joe anticipates \$40,000 moving from the open space trust fund to the reserve for debt service, and \$150,000 coming out of the local open space trust for the Gamski acquisition.

Committee Chair Meeting – There was a Committee Chair meeting that was held on September 29, 2015.

Byram Survey – Byram Township did a survey asking residents / non residents what they want to see in Byram. The deadline for taking the survey was October 13, 2015.

Tamarack Park – Joe reported that the seeding project will not be completed until spring 2016. Joe made a recommendation to the Open Space committee to consider installing two permanent gates at Tamarack Park to prevent access the park during off seasons when the park is closed.

Ray mentioned that there was an article in the NJ Herald about the Tamarack Park construction.

Forester Update – Nothing to report. Joe made a recommendation to do an RFP for a new forester.

Environmental Commission Update – Nothing to report.

Trail Progress on OS Parcels – There was as discussion on how to go about promoting more trail use.

TLC Meeting – There is a meeting scheduled for October 22, 2015 to discuss the update to the 2003 Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Closed Session #2 9:523 p.m. (see separate minutes)

Adjourn: 10:34 p.m. Motion by Scott.