

# BYRAM TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

## MINUTES, December 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Ray Bonker, Scott Olson, Joe Sabatini, Andy Kimm, John Morytko, William Schilling, Michelle Rehse, Sandy Urgo of TLC, and Secretary Cindy Church.

Closed Session 7:31 p.m. (see separate minutes)

Open Session 8:36p.m.

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

**Open Space Financial Report** – Joe reported that there is \$283,566.50 in the local open space trust fund. In the reserve for debt service there is \$360,218.64.

**TLC Meeting on Sussex County Open Space Plan update** – Ray gave an update to the meeting that was held with Barbara Davis of TLC along with 10 other attendees.

**November Election** – There was an election on November 3, 2015 in which the County Open Space tax was approved.

**Committee Re-Appointments** – The terms for Michelle Rehse and John Morytko are due to expire on 12/31/2015. Both Michelle and John both wish to be re-appointed for another term.

**Tamarack Park** – Joe reported that JCP&L hooked up the power for the lighting, however, in the process they tore up some of the new grass. Joe also reported that there will be temporary concrete barricades put in place to deter anyone from getting onto the new parking area with any kind of ATV's. We are still in the process of getting the new net loss plantings finalized and will go out to bid on this in the spring of 2016. Joe also mentioned that there may be a need to drill a new well for irrigation purposes in the future.

**Forester Update** – Joe will be looking into doing an RFP for a new forester. Notices will be sent out to the foresters who service the Sussex County area.

**Environmental Commission Update** – Michelle reported that there were clean ups at both CO Johnson Park and Brookwood Park. All signage has been completed.

Closed Session #2 9:09 p.m. (see separate minutes)

Open Session 9:47 p.m.

**Adjourn:** 9:48 p.m. Motion by Scott.