

# **BYRAM TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES, April 13, 2015**

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

Closed Session 7:30 p.m. (see separate minutes)

Open Session 8:24 p.m.

**Approval of December 2014 minutes**- Scott made a motion, which was seconded by Andy; all in favor to approve the February 2015 minutes with changes to the closed session minutes.

**Open Space Financial Report** – Joe reported that there is \$236,386.32 in the local open space trust fund. In the reserve for debt service there is \$402,300.51.

**Public Notice Bids for Tamarack Park** – Ray made note that he saw the public notice in the paper for bids on Tamarack Park.

**Highlands Council Open Space Matching Grant Program** - Scott discussed that there is another grant program available that would provide no more than 50% reimbursement from the Highland Council for the purchase of open space. This reimbursement could be used towards the purchase of the Gamski property. Joe will ask Sandy Urgo of TLC to contact the Highlands to informally start the process moving.

**ANJEC Grant** -April 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline has passed. An application for the ANJEC grant was submitted to go towards the cleanup of the dead trees in Brookwood Park.

**Sussex County Open Space Minutes / Discussion** - There are many opinions in the Sussex County Open Space minutes as to where or not to continue funding the open space, whether to renew it with the county, and how it gets divided.

**Tamarack Park** – Joe advised that the bid went out for the work on Tamarack Park. Joe is expecting all permits to be in before a bid contract is awarded. Joe also advised that the new net loss grant will be used toward the re-forestation of Tamarack Park.

**Forester Update** - Currently updates and corrections are being done to the Open Space Stewardship Plan. We are waiting for Ron Farr to send up the updated document.

**Environmental Commission Update** – June 6, 2015 is Trails Work Day. Work will be done on Brookwood Park and Johnson Lake.

**Adjourn:** 9:02 p.m. Motion by Scott.