

# **BYRAM TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES, June 8, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Ray Bonker, 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 8:30 p.m.

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

**Open Space Financial Report** – Joe reported that there is \$235,973.91 in the local open space trust fund. In the reserve for debt service there is \$390,750.51.

**Recommendation to Adopt the Forest Stewardship Plan** - Cindy will look to see if we received the final draft from Ron Farr. Cindy will work on the list of tasks and cross reference to see what we authorized him to do. Ron does not recall if he submitted his bills for payment. Cindy will also look into seeing what we have paid him to date.

**Tamarack Park** – Byram Township has awarded the bid to Yannuzi Group Corp. The amount the bid was awarded for was \$275,522. There is a pre-construction meeting scheduled for next week. Joe anticipates the work to start in July 2015. All plantings need to be done by Mid-September 2015.

**Byram Conservation Easement Brochure** – The Byram Conservation Easement Brochure has been completed by the Environmental Commission.

**Environmental Commission Update** – There was a cleanup over the weekend at Johnson Park. Two volunteer showed up.

**Byram Council Resolution 84-2015** – A resolution supporting the continuation of Sussex County Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund. Hamburg also adopted a resolution to the same.

**Green Acres Inspection** – Green acres sent a letter regarding inspections that was conducted on May 25, 2015. Sandy received a follow-up letter after the inspection noting violations that need to be addressed.

**Cruz, 24 Deer Run** – Mr. Cruz sent a letter to the open space committee to see if there is interest in purchasing a property located at 24 Deer Run (Block 283, Lot 217) in Forest Lakes. Joe stated that there may be possible interest if they were willing to donate the property.

**Deer Hunt** – Bill Schilling made a motion that was seconded by Scott Olson to make a recommendation to the Township Council to reinstate the Deer Hunt Program for this year to also include a section of Tamarack Park near C.O. Field.

**Adjourn:** 8:52 p.m. Motion by Scott.