

BYRAM TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

MINUTES, April 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Present were Chairman Ray Bonker, Scott Olson, Joe Sabatini, Andy Kimm, Bill Schilling, Sandy Urgo of TLC and Doris Flynn. Michelle Rhese arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Closed Session 7:36 p.m. (see separate minutes)

Open Session 8:16 p.m.

Approval of February 8th and March 14th minutes- Scott made a motion, seconded by Joe to approve the closed and open minutes for both dates. All in favor.

Open Space Financial Report – Joe reported that there is \$353,788 in the local open space trust fund. In the reserve for debt service there is \$360,218. The outstanding debt service balance is \$540,000. We have a Planning Incentive Grant balance of \$415,162.

Tamarack Park. – The park needs to be inspected by Cory and accepted by the Township. It may need to be fertilized and seeded again. The earliest the park will open is the fall. Cory is trying to get an extension on the grant to be able to plant the trees in the fall. We will be getting a quote for a sign.

Gamski – This project is finally closed. Green Acres funding was received a few weeks ago. The Green Acres signs were posted, and the 4-sale sign will be removed this week. We need to submit the soft costs for reimbursement—Doris will work on this.

Environmental Commission Update – There is a clean-up day scheduled at Johnson Lake on April 30. June 4th is National Trails Day – the EC is planning an event.

Correspondence and Updates – Sussex County Day is May 1 from noon to 4 p.m. at the lower field at Sussex County Community College. There is a big push to get more involvement from all the towns in Sussex. The Council is asking for support from the committees to come out and sit at the booth for a short time. We will display our trail map and highlight our new park.

Scott reported on the Sussex County Open Space meeting that he attended with Joe.

Closed Session #2 8:38 p.m. (see separate minutes)

Open Session 8:44 p.m.

Scott shared a flyer about the Vernal Pool Walk at Waterloo Village on April 12 and April 14 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: 8:45 p.m. Motion by Scott, second by Bill. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.