

OPEN SPACE MEETING – August 10, 2026

Members Present: Messrs. Sabatini, Mayor Rubenstein, Dlugos, Duch

Members Absent: Messrs: Morytko, Esposito, Bogardus

Also present: Secretary Caitlin Phillips

This meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Mayor Rubenstein.

OS FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT:

Reserve for Open Space: \$405,578.89. Mayor Rubenstein noted project management costs. Mr. Sabatini said this is likely Mr. Stoner's work for Field 8. Mr. Dlugos asked about the charge for the lanterns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 13, 2026 minutes. Motion of Mr. Dlugos to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Sabatini. Mr. Duch abstained. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Trail Signage and Mapping

Mr. Dlugos said Gravity Designworks provided an estimate, which is below the competitor. He's hoping to vote on this tonight, to use them for the signage work. He wants to make sure the Historical Society funding is set. Gravity Designworks noted mapping aerials will require more funding than other parts. Mr. Sabatini said the company should install the signs as directed by Mr. Dlugos. Mr. Dlugos said the Committee can paint the posts to save money. Mr. Dlugos motioned to award the work to Gravity Designworks, second by Mr. Sabatini. All in favor. Mr. Sabatini said he needs the final quotes as package, and this will be on the Council agenda for September.

Trail Grant Updates

Ms. Phillips said when discussing with Mr. Morytko, they looked at the County minutes, and saw this was on the discussion for approval. Mayor Rubenstein said he'll reach out to the County for the decision. Mr. Dlugos said he talked to Peter Dolan, who asked to give him official notification.

Forestry Updates

Mr. Dlugos said he has nothing to report since the last meeting.

MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Dlugos said they're doing a landscaping with locals event. Rachel Mackow, who owns Wild Ridge Plants, will host it. There will be a mini lecture, and plant giveaway and sale, at the firehouse on 09/12.

Mr. Sabatini said lantern item on the OS reserve is likely the bench project at Johnson Lake. He said Byram Fest is this month. The Council will discuss the budget, which includes park improvements and the field house, and road projects. They're waiting for a report on the Brookwood drainage assessment. Regarding the renovation of the administrative offices and police department, their goal is to, by the end of this week, send documents to the USDA. Mayor Rubenstein said Mr. Stoner will talk to the Council about field lighting. Mr. Sabatini said they'll discuss field 8 improvements. He discussed field management, and phase-mowing the grass.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

No public was present.

ADJOURN – Motion by Mr. Dlugos, second by Duch, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. All members in favor. Motioned carried.