

MENDHAM BOROUGH OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES 11/09/2017

Meeting Location: Phoenix House, 2 West Main Street, Mendham, NJ

- 1. The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Connolly, at 7:10 PM.**
- 2. Adequate Notice Statement: Notice of this meeting was published in the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record and was posted on the bulletin board in the Phoenix House in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.**

3. Roll Call:

John Andrus, Council Representative, Absent

Eric Arena, Absent

Peter Barry, Present

George Connolly, Chair, Present

William DeBuvitz, Vice Chair, 7:19 P.M. Present

David Sprandel, Secretary, Present

Charles Topping, Absent

Alternate I: Robert Jephson, Present

Alternate II: Susan Landau, Absent

Mr. Connolly commented that Mr. Topping and his wife Dorothy have moved to an assisted living facility, Sunrise of Basking Ridge.

- 4. Approval of Minutes. – Mr. Jephson moved, Mr Barry seconded and all approved the minutes of the last meeting.**

5. Public Comment – None.

6. Open Space Fund –

A. Previous Balance:	\$763,413
B. Income from Interest:	\$193
C. Expenditures:	\$25,266
D. Current Balance:	\$738,340

7. Old Business

A. Scott Farm

- a. Structural Inspection of barn – Mr. Barry, Mr. Connolly and Elise Dawn examined the barn and will issue a report with observations and recommendations for improvements.
- b. White utility building – Currently contains the Surrey and the model of the Phoenix House, which is used in the Labor Day Parade.

B. Rowe Sheep Farm –

- a. Transition to Permanent Preservation Program. Mr. Connolly had a conversation with Chuck Rowe and he expressed a desire to enter the permanent preservation program. Mr. Connolly distributed a document detailing the process for joining the program which contains a list of 18 steps.

C. Tranquility Garden – The Borough's DPW replaced posts in the trellis and planted some trees and flower bulbs.

D. Use of Open Space Fund – It appears the Open Space Fund monies will be used to repair the dam at The Mud Hole.

E. Mountain Valley Dam – Estimated that \$6000 was spent to electrocute the fish inhabiting the pond. Also note that on 4/17/2018 the Environmental Commission will be doing a cleanup in the feeder streams located below the dam, so, "save the date!"

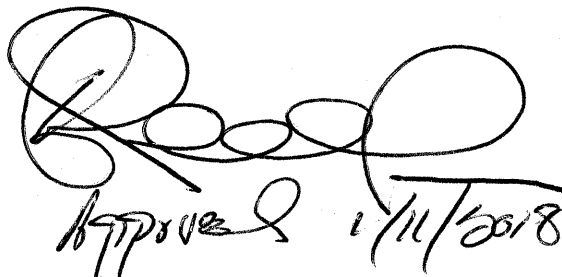
F. Update to the Open Space Inventory – Mr. Connolly is going to organize a sub-committee meeting to examine how to update the inventory on Saturday 11/18/2017

8. New Business

A. Mr. Connolly suggested the committee present a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Topping for his many years of dedication to the Open Space Committee. This idea was heartily supported.

9. Adjournment – The next regular meeting of the MBOSAC is scheduled for Thursday 1/11/2018, at 7:00PM at the Phoenix House, 2 W. Main St, Mendham, NJ. It will be the annual re-organization meeting.

Mr. DeBuvitz moved, Mr. Sprandel seconded and all approved we adjourn at 8:18 PM.



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