

MINUTES OF THE PENNINGTON OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY AT  
7:30PM; MARCH 20, 2024

*This open meeting was conducted remotely by video and/or telephone; it was adequately noticed on the Boro website and in the local newspaper.*

**In attendance:** Voting and Alternate Members:

Alan Hershey (Chairman), Present  
Jason Meyer, Excused  
Dan Pace (Secretary), Present  
Arthur Firestone (Alternate 2), Absent

John Jackson, Vice-Chairman (Alternate 1) Present  
Mark Blackwell: Absent  
Kit Chandler: Boro Council Liaison. Present  
Nancy Fishman, Present

Guests: Kate O'Neill

Chairman Hershey called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**Agenda Items:**

Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2024 Adoption: Dan moved that the open and closed meeting minutes be adopted as presented, Nancy seconded. Voting members currently present and in attendance at the January meeting unanimously approved the minutes.

Master Plan Element - Open Space and Recreation Plan: Alan gave an update by saying the Planning Board's Master Plan Committee has shared recommendations regarding this Committee's Master Plan Element goals. Alan showed the document - attached herewith with recommendations in red type - on-screen and asked for comments (he also said he shared today this document with the Chair of Parks & Rec). Dan said that the suggestion in paragraph 7.4 be modified because it implied that every trail be accessible - something that could be financially or physically impractical. Alan said that paragraph 7.9 did not seem to be in the purview of this Committee.

Committee members discussed the two Comments and then unanimously approved a motion by Dan, seconded by John, to revise and return the document to the Planning Board Master Plan Committee with revisions to paragraph 7.4 and 7.5 plus deletion of paragraph 7.9 (attached herewith as " ... OS Comm. Response).

**Other Discussion Items:**

Local Government Week: Alan noted that the Committee had been asked by the Planning Board/Master Plan Committee to participate in a public information event on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Alan and Dan said they could be available. Alan and Kit will look gather more information on this event.

Environmental Commission: Nancy, representing the Environmental Commission, said that the Commission would like to have a joint meeting with this Committee. Committee members reacted positively and Alan will discuss this further with the Chair of the Environmental Commission.

**Closed Session Minutes:** Alan mused over the lack of detail in the Committee's Closed Session minutes; Dan said that he was concerned that should these minutes in some way be released publicly, then discussions of specific properties would be compromised. Kit will ask Boro Clerk Betty Sterling for advice.

Closed Session: At 8:06pm on a motion by Nancy, seconded by John, the Committee unanimously agreed to enter into Closed Session to discuss matters concerning specific properties of interest.

The Committee adjourned the Closed and Open Public Meeting at 8:32pm pursuant to a motion by John, seconded by Nancy, and unanimously approved.

Minutes by the Secretary:

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Daniel Pace

Minutes Adopted: & [J.2024