

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST (HOST)
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020
GOTOMEETING & IN-PERSON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Pfeiffer called the regular meeting of the Harding Open Space Trust Committee to order at 7:30 p.m. and announced the meeting is being held via a GoToMeeting and In-Person and was called in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

HOST Attendance: Mr. Dietz (via GoToMeeting), Mr. Jones, Mr. Novotny (via gotomeeting, Mr. Pfeiffer (via GoToMeeting), Mr. Platt (via GoToMeeting), Mrs. Riley (via GoToMeeting), Mrs. Somers (via GoToMeeting)

Excused Absence: Ms. Devine and Mr. Wepler

Township Attendance: Mrs. Sharp, Secretary

ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOST MINUTES FOR: JULY 9, 2020 AND AUGUST 10, 2020:

July 9, 2020 Minutes:

Mr. Pfeiffer asked if anyone had questions or comments with regard to the July 9, 2020 meeting minutes. Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dietz, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the July 9, 2020 meeting minutes were accepted.

August 10, 2020 Minutes:

Mr. Pfeiffer asked if anyone had questions or comments with regard to the August 10, 2020 meeting. A discussion on the August minutes regarding the tennis courts, Municipal trail, and the master plan ensued. A recommendation was made that a copy of the memorandum to Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator be appended to these minutes and the memorandum to Mr. Saulnier regarding the Master Plan be appended to these minutes. Mrs. Sharp will append both documents to the August 10, 2020 meeting minutes. Upon a motion made by Mrs. Somers, seconded by Mr. Jones and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, Mrs. Riley abstained, the August 10, 2020 meeting minutes were accepted.

HOST UPDATES:

Dear Property:

Mr. Jones reported that the Zoning Officer and the Construction Official will communicate with Mr. Crosby regarding the property markers.

Bayne Park Trail Extension:

A discussion on the Bayne Park Trail extension ensued. Mr. Platt reported he and Mr. Wepler walked the trail and mentioned Mr. Wepler explained other ideas while walking the trail. CPAC will meet

shortly and mentioned everyone is in support. Mr. Jones commented that nothing may get done this year with the County. A discussion ensued regarding open space and recreation. A recommendation was to review the Open Space Ordinance at the October meeting.

Tennis Courts:

Mr. Platt reported that the repair of the tennis courts has been completed.

HOST 2021 EXPENSE BUDGET:

Mr. Jones reported that Mr. Wepler provided information on the expense budget for 2021. A copy of the proposed 2021 expense budget will be appended to these minutes. A discussion ensued on stewardship expenses, managements plans, trails and walking trails, etc. The consensus of HOST was to go with the \$73,220.00 in expenses for open space properties for 2021. Mrs. Sharp will provide the information to the Finance Department.

HOST NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Appleton #1– Mr. Jones commented that the closing is scheduled for September 14, 2020. Mr. Dietz commented that the appraised value was in 2019 was \$1,010,900 but the 2020 appraised value is \$703,900. Mrs. Somers explained the value dropped since the Township’s offer. Mr. Platt commented that the negotiations with Citibank took a very long time.

Appleton #2 – Mr. Jones commented that the Township Attorney spoke with Mrs. Appleton’s attorney and Mrs. Appleton is asking \$1.6 million. The Township Attorney will rvisit this topic in the coming weeks.

163 Lee’s Hill Road – Mr. Jones reported that an ordinance will be on the Township Committee’s September agenda for introduction to authorize the purchase of this property.

Glen Alpin – Mr. Jones provided a brief update on the diversion/disposal. Mr. Jones reported that the public meetings will need to be scheduled.

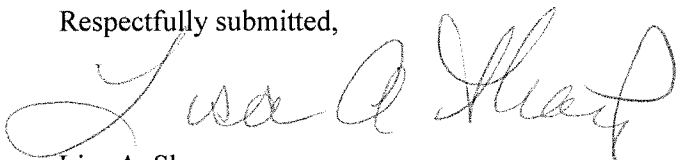
OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE HOST AND HEARING PERSONS PRESENT:

There were no hearing persons present and no further business.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Pfeiffer

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Wepler. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Harding Open Space Trust Committee

