

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST (HOST)
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020
REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Reorganization Meeting Minutes

OPEN MEETING:

Secretary Sharp called the reorganization meeting of the Harding Open Space Trust Committee to order on January 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., and announced the meeting was called in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey. Mrs. Sharp mentioned that on January 10, 2019, Adequate Notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record, posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building at 21 Blue Mill Road and filed with the Township Clerk. Mrs. Sharp announced that at the Township Committee Reorganization meeting held on January 6, 2020, the following members were appointed to the Harding Open Space Trust Committee: Mr. Falzarano, Mr. Jones, Mr. Platt, Mrs. Somers, Mr. Dietz, Mrs. Devine, Mr. Novotny, and Mrs. Riley. Mrs. Sharp provided the Oath of Allegiance to these members.

Mrs. Sharp called the roll:

HOST Attendance: Mrs. Madelyn Devine, Mr. Tim Jones, Mr. Nicolas Platt, Mr. Jim Novotny, Mr. Loren Pfeiffer, Mrs. Julia Somers, and Mr. Larry Wepler

Excused Absence: Mrs. Riley

Township Administration Attendance: Mrs. Lisa Sharp

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN:

Secretary Sharp opened the meeting to accept nominations for the office of Chairman of HOST for 2020. Mr. Wepler made a motion to nominate Mr. Pfeiffer for Chairman of HOST and Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Secretary Sharp asked if there were any further nominations for Chairman. With no further nominations, Secretary Sharp closed the nominations.

Secretary Sharp asked for a motion to elect Mr. Pfeiffer as Chairman of HOST. Upon a motion to elect Mr. Pfeiffer as Chairman of HOST by Mr. Wepler, seconded by Mrs. Somers, and with a unanimous vote of all ayes, none opposed, Mr. Pfeiffer was accepted as Chairman.

Mrs. Sharp asked for nominations for Vice Chairman of HOST. Mr. Pfeiffer nominated Mr. Wepler as Vice Chairman, and Mrs. Somers seconded the nomination. Mr. Pfeiffer asked if there were any further nominations for Vice Chairman. With no further nominations, a motion was made by Mr. Pfeiffer, seconded by Mr. Jones, and with a unanimous vote of all ayes, Mr. Wepler's nomination as Vice Chairman of HOST was accepted. Mrs. Sharp asked for a motion to elect Mr. Wepler as Vice Chairman of HOST. A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Somers, and with a unanimous vote of all ayes, Mr. Wepler was accepted as Vice Chairman of HOST.

Mrs. Sharp turned the meeting over to Mr. Pfeiffer, Chairman.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION HOST #01-2020 – 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST COMMITTEE FOR JANUARY 2020 THROUGH JANUARY 2021:

Mr. Pfeiffer asked if there were any comments regarding the 2020 meeting schedule for HOST. The meetings will continue on the second Wednesday of every month. With no further comments a motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wepler, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the 2020 Meeting Schedule for HOST was accepted. A copy of Resolution HOST #01-2020 is appended to these minutes.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2019:

Mr. Pfeiffer asked if there were any comments or changes with regards to the December 11, 2019 meeting minutes. Upon a motion made by Mr. Wepler, seconded by Mr. Jones, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the HOST meeting minutes for December 11, 2019 were accepted.

HOST UPDATES:

Masterplan

Mr. Wepler provided a three page summary of comments regarding the Master Plan. The HOST Committee reviewed the document and made the following comments:

1. Discussion on stabilizing the stream bank ensued. J. Somers will contact Princeton Hydro to request that they take a look at the Silver Brook downstream and make recommendations on what can be done about the erosion and what funding is available.
2. M. Devine commented that land owners need to be informed when anything is going on with their property.
3. A discussion regarding a forester ensued. D. Dietz will contact Mike Anderson regarding a Forester.
4. A discussion on mowing a path for Dear ensued. It was suggested that one side be completed first.
5. T. Jones will speak with Mr. Fox, Township Engineer, to mark the Township's the Township portion of the Wexford Lane property.
6. N. Platt commented he spoke with S. Rubin of the Great Swamp Watershed Association regarding bluebird boxes. N. Platt commented he is willing to donate the time and money to maintain the bluebird boxes. M. Devine mentioned that the Land Trust has the bluebird boxes and would donate them to the Township.

It was suggested that Eleana Gables from Heyer Gruel attend HOST's February meeting to discuss the Master Plan. Mrs. Sharp will send an email to McKinley Mertz of Heyer Gruel.

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

With no hearing persons present and no further business, a motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:25 pm was made by Mr. Wepler and Mr. Jones.

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Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2020

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Pfeiffer

The meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:35 pm and will not return to open session. No formal action will be made in Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa A. Sharp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Harding Open Space Trust Committee