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. Weppler

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. Weppler walked the trail and mentioned Mr. Weppler explained other ideas while walking the trail. CPAC will meet

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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. Weppler 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. Weppler. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Sharp

Secretary, Harding Open Space Trust Committee

2021 HOST Proposed Budget

Draft									
2020 Proposed Budget									
Propety	Mowing		Tree Work		Removal of Invasives	/asives	Other		
	Decription	Cost	Description	Cost	Description	Cost	Description	Cost	Projected Annual Expense
Margetts Field			Trim or remove hazard	\$1,000			Fertilizer	\$2 800	\$3 800
			trees along bridle trail)))))			Herbicide & lime	000	200
Frelinghuysen - James & Wexford	1X per annum	\$420	\$420 Misc. Tree work, including removal of downed branches	\$200					\$620
Rossell/Lakeshore									\$0
Waterman	2x per annum	\$250	\$250 One Time Tree Work and poison ivy removal	\$450					\$700
Scudder/Audubon									\$0\$
O'Connor/ Gatehouse	mowing and trimming	0\$				0\$	\$0 Matching Grant funds in 2021; plus \$6,000 earmarked in 2020, Building Maintenance (Gutters, snow removal, miscellaneous \$\$2k?)	\$34,000	\$34,000
Nagro/Lobel - Easement									\$
Glen Alpin	mowing & tree work	0\$			************				\$0
Wilkerson - Easement									\$0
Thebault - Easement									\$0
Anderson Woods					Herbicide for invasive removal	\$100			\$100
Eggert									\$0
Von Zuben	2x per annum	\$800	\$800 Work along Blue Mill	\$500	\$500 Control Porcelinberry along northern boundry	\$700	\$700 Plant bulbs along Blue Mill and James St	\$4,900	\$6,900
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Primrose Farms			Trim leaning trees along	\$1,000			Board Walks	\$600	\$1,600
		<u></u>	trails					***************************************	
Frelinghuysen Lots 4.03 & 4.04	1x per annum	\$400 1	\$400 Misc. Tree Work	\$400					008\$
Dear	1x per annum for hayfield; 2x per annum for wetlands; plus path mowing	\$1,100	\$1,100 Work along Blue Mill	\$500	\$500 Consider project for removal of Ailanthus	\$1,000	\$1,000 Develop Stream Bank Restoration Project , Concrete boounfdry	\$500	\$3,100
							markers	a 121	
Culbertson	2x per annum	\$300				\$300			\$600
Bayne Park		10 4	Have John Linson do tree assessment and plan for future tree planting	1000			Extension of Trail	20000	\$21,000
Total									\$73,220