

Open Space Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 9, 2021 (meeting via video & phone due to Covid-19)

Present: Adair, Dey, Hess, Knell, Mayer, Muscella, Perry, Rich, Zipin; *Absent:* Conner, Maines

1. **Call to Order.** After some technological issues, the meeting was called to order by Ms. Dey at 7:24.
2. **Consideration of Minutes.** The minutes from January 12, 2021 will be reviewed at the March meeting.
3. **Status Update: Open Space Encroachments:** Code enforcement was sent to a residence that borders the Pompeston – a side street near Baker School because a resident put branch/brush there.
4. **Status Update: Signage for Little Woods and Water Works Woods:** Still waiting for verification of text for Kay Smith/Water Works Woods sign before placing order. Should be whatever the Town Council voted on. Need to decide where to put the sign so it is most visible; STEM will discuss and Claire will update us.
5. **Status Update: Swede Run Trails Update:** Harry reported he met with NJ Fish & Wildlife staff and walked both sides of the Swede Run space with them; they had ideas about what would be good to grow there so it would be a meadow (grass; pollinators); they pointed out some invasive growth; they will come back with a plan; also, they noted no noticeable encroachment (!). Might be able to create vernal pools for frogs on the wet area on the west side (not the side with the dog park). There may be issues with maintaining the new plantings; will need a plan for that, too.
6. **Status Update: Trucksess Property:** No updates. County is still interested and applied for a grant.
7. **Status Update: Flying Feather Farm:** Dave asked if OSAC can put something together for the new Town Council members about why Flying Feather is a priority and the difference between the parcels. Can email info to Dave or Township Staff so it can be passed on to all Council members. Committee will get something together for the Council.
8. **Status Update: Priority List for 2021:** We need to have updated copies in hand to review the Priority List; Maura asked that copies be mailed to all Committee members for the March meeting.
9. **Status Update: Miscellaneous matters:** None.
10. **Public Comment:** none
11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 by Ms. Dey. The next scheduled meeting is March 9, 2021.