

Open Space Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 11, 2025

Present: Dey, Hess, Knell, Mayer, Rich, Roberts, Spinello; Absent: Gil, Gillespie, Matlack

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Mr. Mayer.
2. **Consideration of Minutes.** The minutes for Feb. 11, 2025 were approved with no changes.
3. **Status Update Business: Important Action from Feb. Meeting:** The OSAC voted to add the Thomas Truxton property (730 Marne Highway) to our *Moorestown Township Potential Open Space Properties for Acquisition* list with the hope that it can be saved; perhaps through a Township/County/State effort. ***IMPORTANT:*** The addition of this property to our Acquisition list must be officially submitted to the County – they won't contribute money if a property is not on this list and the list has not officially been submitted to them.
4. **Status Update: Letter to Open Space "Neighbors":** The Committee reviewed the letter and made a few corrections; Lisa to update file with changes and send to Damian for mailing.
5. **Status Update: Trucksess, Pearson, DePaulo:** No official update on Trucksess. County may be interested in the Pearson property. DePaulo has been approved for sub-division and the land has been cleared.
6. **New Business: ACT Remediation at Carson's Farm site:** No official update. [*This is from Nov. 2024 Minutes: Tile drains were dug up, resulting in the farmer saying the land was too wet to farm; it is 73 acres; connects to Esther Yannai; rear portion of 17 acres is not wet; we should put this at the top of our priority list.*]
7. **New Business: Chris Schafer Heat Trace Map:** A "heat trace" map is being developed – shows usage of trails; question about if you tell the difference between a person and an animal on a trail.
8. **New Business: New Signage for Open Space parcels:** Committee discussed putting up signs that say "This land preserved as Open Space through the Open Space Tax" – or something like that so, people can see what has been preserved (Mt. Laurel has signs on many of their spaces.); signs should have the same or similar language; might show the outline of the of the property and/or have a "you are here" designator.
9. **Old Business: Sign for Flying Feather parcel at Westfield and Garwood:** Committee again discussed "naming" the parcel "The Hill" because the family called it that and discussed voting to make a recommendation to Council; Debbie will reach out to the family. Lisa thought we had previously voted on this and said she would look through past meeting minutes; this is what she found in our Meeting Minutes of Oct. 11, 2022: *We need an official name for the Open Space for signage, etc.; the Committee suggests "The Hill" as that is how the family always referred to it (as it was "up the hill" from the Farm Stand); in an informal vote, all present agreed; we need to vote to make it official.*
10. **Township Liason Updates and Comments:** None.
11. **Public Comment:** None.
12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 by Mr. Mayer. The next scheduled meeting is on April 8th, 2025.