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Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund Program

Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting Notes of May 21st, 2018

AGENDA 1. POSAC convened on Monday May 21st, 2018, at the Route 12 Hunterdon County Complex, Flemington, NJ. Earle Steeves welcomed those in attendance and the meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: EARLE STEEVES, BILL BOWLBY, JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH, SUZANNE WILDER, DONALD BROUGHTON, JOSHUA GOLDMAN

Excused: H. JORDAN GUENTHER, KENNETH NOVAK, GERRY LYNES

AGENDA 2. **Approval of the March 19th, 2018 Meeting notes:** Bill Bowlby made a motion to approve the minutes. Don Broughton seconded. Motion passed. Suzanne Wilder was not present for the vote.

AGENDA 3. Review/Final Recommendation Municipal Grant Applications

- **Frenchtown – Debt Service:** Staff presented the Borough's request to utilize a portion of their grant balance toward the payment of debt service related to the purchase of the Frenchtown Greenway. Bill Bowlby made a motion to approve. Juergen Huelsebusch seconded. Motion passed. Suzanne Wilder was not present for the vote.

AGENDA 4. – NONPROFIT GRANT APPLICATION REQUESTS

- **D&R Greenway – Francavilla Acquisition:** The discussion of this item was combined with the Raritan Township Cooperative Grant application.

AGENDA 5. – COOPERATIVE GRANT APPLICATION REQUESTS

- **Raritan Township – Francavilla Acquisition:** County staff and a representative from the Township presented the details of this proposed acquisition and reviewed the environmental qualities and benefits to the preservation of this tract. The Committee also discussed the connectivity of this piece and its proximity to other preserved lands that are open to the public. The Township is planning on including this property in their deer management program with a quota of antlerless deer. Juergen Huelsebusch made a motion to approve both the D&R Greenway Nonprofit Grant application and the Raritan Township Cooperative Grant application. Don Broughton seconded. Motion passed with Bill Bowlby and Joshua Goldman abstaining from the vote.

AGENDA 6. – PARKS OPERATIONAL

- Barbara Vogel was introduced as the new Director of the Division of Planning, Economic Development and Land Use. The Committee gave her a warm welcome.
- Staff discussed various updates to projects happening in the Parks including the work that the Student Conservation Association will be doing in the Furnace Section of the Arboretum property,

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the leaking of the dam at Echo Hill, the agreement being worked on with the Crossroads Camp adjacent to Crystal Springs, the possible addition to Boulderling to County Park rules and regulations in a limited capacity in association with an affiliate company, and the status of the pond at Deer Path Park among other topics.

AGENDA 7. – NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- Staff presented the request of High Bridge Borough to amend their request for funding for their 2017 Historic Grant to reflect a larger amount to account for a failed bid attempt. Bill Bowlby made a motion to approve. Juergen Huelsebusch seconded. Motion passed.
- Staff gave an updated timeline for the Strategic Park & Open Space Plan adoption with the addition of various meeting with interested municipalities to present the Plan highlights and discuss at a local level.
- Staff presented the Policastro property for consideration as a possible County Park acquisition. The Committee agreed that the property was worthy of pursuit due to the location along the Delaware River and the possibility of river access.
- Other topics discussed by the committee and addressed by Staff were the status of a possible agreement with Hickory Ridge Estates, Trail developments on Round Mountain in Readington, deer management to be addressed as a requirement for applications for funding,

AGENDA 9. – POSAC/PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

AGENDA 10. - ADJOURN – *Having no further business, Bill Bowlby motioned to adjourn. Josh Goldman seconded. Meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully prepared and submitted by: *Bill Millette*, July 21st, 2018.