

Open Space Committee Agenda/Minutes

Meeting of 10/26/2023

In attendance: Amy S, Les G, Mike M, Doug P, Ben H, Janet H, Tome S, Roger S, Mike A

Approval of minutes from 9/28/2023: First Janet H, Second Mike M

New format to meeting going forward- Starting in 2024 we will be reducing the number of meeting to 4. These meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of the months of March, June, September and December

Properties

Farmers –

Windy Acres – Will be making sign similar to that installed at PE. Les to obtain lumber and bring to County for routing. Mike M will paint the lettering. Sign will say Windy Acres, Clinton Twp, Open Space

ProstakEast – Trails that were previously opened have become overgrown and need to be reopened.

Prostak West –

Hacketts – Trails that were previously opened have become overgrown and need to be reopened.

Brays –

Cramer's Creek - Need to have DPW install tee boxes for the disc golf course

BBR – Need signs to eliminate the double parking on Herman Thau Road. An ordinance needs to be put in place before the signs can be generated. Most likely in the spring per Tom S

Springside –

Eton Ct -

Possible Acquisitions – Reviewed Hunterdon County application for possible funding to acquire a 92 acre parcel off Allerton Road. No major changes to draft. Need to take pictures which will be done on Sunday 10/29. Some are meeting there at 2PM to walk the property. Property boundary on North and East is with CC. On the West there is another Open Space property owned by CT

Deer hunt update – 18 deer harvested to date

Hunterdon County OSC Meeting – No meeting this month

Other

Discussed possible location of new beehives. It was decided to have them placed at Prostak West

Projects that need to be completed by DPW (Tom S to review and determine which are still open)

- 1) Electric fence for bee hive at WA (COMPLETED))
- 2) Fence around water tank in BBR (COMPLETED)
- 3) Trees at start of Disc Golf course at CC (COMPLETED)
- 4) Trail around spring house at BH needs maintenance – Remaining open for now
- 5) Mowing of areas that Les and Jay discussed at CC -Remaining open for now
- 6) Repair the trail that was disturbed at CC –Not Completed
- 7) Make sure trails at WA are mowed and weed wacked - Ongoing
- 8) Install something to prevent birds from sitting in rafters at WA pavillion – Open
- 9) Signs to close off biking trail at Springside (COMPLETED)
- 10) Post Open Space property at Eton Ct, Kent Ct and Hamden Rd – Les and Mike to handle
- 11) Place signs at Eton Ct, Hamden Rd and Kent Ct – DPW to handle
 1. Signs are at Tom's office

The EC is working on a “Bamboo” ordinance. Doug will have something drafted for next meeting as there is an issue with a bamboo grove on regional road that appears to be part of CC open space property. Requires more investigation.

Motion was made by Roger S and Second by Mike M to adjore meeting

Next meeting is 12/14/2023 at 6PM