

Open Space Committee Agenda/Minutes

Meeting of 3/28/2024

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

Approval of minutes from 12/14/2023: First= Mike M; Second= Les G

New format to meeting going forward- Starting in 2024 we will be reducing the number of meetings to 4. These meetings will be held on March 28th, June 27th, September 26th and December 19th

Properties

Farmers – Contracts need to be finalized, Meyers to do brush hogging at CC if stipulated in his contract, What other things do we want farmers to do? – Needs to be in contract, One item relates to when farmers spray-- They should put a sign out notifying users of property that spraying took place

Windy Acres – Bees will be going in during May timeframe, Need signage, fencing and electric fencing, Mushrooms will be going in but need oak logs in the 6 – 8 inch diameter size

ProstakEast – Trails need to be better identified and marked properly

Prostak West – Nothing to note

Hacketts – Les G to speak with local resident, Glenn Boyd re the monitoring of the trails, There is a refrigerator that was disposed of on one of the trails and this needs to be removed

Brays – Issue with resident, their chair has been removed and the trail they cut in has been blocked but we need to improve upon this

Cramer's Creek - Need to address location of 5K and fitness trail as impacted by the new playground and parking area, Les G will pull together a committee to meet at CC and address, Also includes when signage should be placed

BBR – There are a number of trees in the brook which could impact the bridge on Herman Thau Rd, Add to list of things to be addressed by DPW, June 9th will be historic hike

Springside – Trails are in good shape, nothing else to note

Eton Ct – Needs signage and posting, Amy S mentioned speaking with Bill Glaser and it was recommended that all residents within 200 feet of an OS property to receive a letter detailing the rules of our OS properties

Possible Acquisitions – Disussed in detail as to status

Deer hunt program

Discussed status of deer program for 24/25, Also discussed handling of those hunter from the 23/24 program that have not taken down their treestands as of yet

Grant – NJ DEP grant application was completed by Mike A but needs additional input, Status os stalled

Hunterdon County OSC Meeting – Janet updated everyone on the status of the 3/25/24 meeting, She mentioned that there is a grant improvement program that will be released which could be beneficial to CT for it's municipal parks

OTHER

Doug P raised the issue of the bamboo issue in CT, It doesn't seem as if there is any desire to address this issue

Signage needed

No Foraging

No trapping

Dogs on leashes and poop pick up rules

Projects that need to be completed by DPW

- 1) Tee boxes – Disc golf
- 2) Eaton Court – property needs to be posted and need signage
- 3) Block trail at Brays Hill made by resident
- 4) Maintain trail around spring house at Brays Hill
- 5) Maintain trails all properties
- 6) 5K trail maintenance and reloaction at Cramers Creek, also fitness trail relocation
- 7) Birds in pavillion at Windy Acres
- 8) Install sign at entrance to Windy Acres at Mike M's house
- 9) Dog signage
- 10) Stop ATV's from accessing Windy Acres
- 11) No parking signs for Herman Thau Rd
- 12) Signs when farmers spray to notify hikers – Needs to be in contract
- 13) New bee hives at Wndy Acres will need fencing and electrification
- 14) Oak for mushrooms at Windy Acres, diameter of 6 to 8 inches
- 15) Remove refridgerator from hiking trail at Hacketts
- 16) Trees that have follow into the Beaver Brook

Motion to adjore meeting – First Mike A, Second Janet H

Next meeting is 6/27/2024 at 6PM

