

Open Space Committee Agenda/Minutes

Meeting of 9/26/2024

In attendance: Mike A, Dakota S, Amy S, Ben H, Tom S, Doug P, Les G

Approval of minutes from 6/27/2024: First Amy S, Second Doug P

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 March 28th, June 27th, September 26th and December 19th.

Discussion was held re moving meeting from Quarterly to every two months. It was agreed, Meetings for 2025 will be January, March, May, July, September and November

Public Comment- Limited to 3 minutes

Properties

Farmers – Nothing to report

Windy Acres – Amy S asked if anyone had any environmental educational ideas. None were presented at the meeting. If anyone comes up with any please forward to Amy S
Ecoli in Rockaway Creek that passes through WA

Prostak East – Martin (a neighbor) has agreed to take down the dead ash trees between his property and PE. Everyone was in agreement. Dakota S to let Jay M know so he start the process with the Bill Close

Prostak West – There will tree planting to prevent erosion

Hacketts – Nothing to report

Brays – Same neighbor that we had issues with last year with unleashed dogs and creating his own trails is at it again. We need to get photos so we can move forward in dealing with this

Cramer's Creek - Nothing to report

BBR –Nothing to report

Springside – Nothing to report

Eton Ct – Nothing to report

General – Nothing to report

Possible Acquisitions – Status of current acquisition in question as property owner wants substantially more than appraisals and now wants to keep a lot. Would require additional appraisals

Deer hunt program- Season started mis September.

Hunterdon County OSC Meeting – A number of municipalities applied for rec grants. Requests are greater than available monies. Will be addressed at October meeting

OTHER

Signage needed

No trapping (This will part of the no hunting posters on the next order)

Dogs on leashes and poop pick up rules. Should have ordinance on the sign

Projects that need to be completed by DPW

- 1) Tee boxes – Disc golf (Being handled by volunteers) Now in December/January)
- 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 (On Hold Until Playground is Installed)
- 7) Birds in pavillion at Windy Acres (Use spikes on rafters)
- 8) Install sign at entrance to Windy Acres. Sign is at Mike M's house
- 9) Dog signage (See previous comments)
- 10) Stop ATV's from accessing Windy Acres
- 11) Signs when farmers spray to notify hikers – Needs to be in contract
- 12) Remove refridgerator from hiking trail at Hacketts- This has been completed
- 13) Trees that have fallen into the Beaver Brook could a problem with the bridge on Herman Thau Rd in the event of a heavy rain. Need DEP approvals before we can tackle this
- 14) Move job box at Windy Acres

Motion to adjore meeting – First Amy S, Second Doug P

Next meeting is 12/19//2024 at 6PM