

## Open Space Committee Agenda/Minutes

### Meeting of 3/2/2023

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

Approval of minutes from 1/26/2023: First = Les G, Second = Mike M

#### Properties

Farmers – Farmer contract drafts were reviewed by Amy S and Mike A, Recommended changes were suggested to Tom S, Drafts were sent to Mr. Closs, Township attorney generated a revised draft, Tom S to follow up

Windy Acres – Bulk tree planting scheduled for 4/23 at 8:30AM, Bee keeper project was great success which lead to a discussion about expanding the bee project to other properties such as Hacketts and Brays, DPW cleaned up the tree that left by Geils near the bridge

ProstakEast – Trail needs to be marked better which requires Amy's assistance, Janet suggested that Amy let us know what works for her and some of us will assist in the project, The property still needs a better sign at the entrance to the parking area, Tom S to follow up with Jay M's (DPW) contact at the County and Raritan Township

Prostak West – Nothing to report

Hacketts – Amy S cleaned up the old Scout trail, Property is a possible location for additional be hives

Brays – Possible location for additional bee hives

Cramer's Creek - Les G and Ben H met to discuss utilization of 4x4's, Since cemented in could not be relocated therefore will be used for Disc Golf signs, Per Les G housing project will be completed by 10/23 as State monies run out after that, After housing project is completed then 5K trail will be re-routed, Les G to meet with Jay M (DPW) re cutting that needs to take place

BBR – Mike A and Tom S met with Jay M (DPW) to discuss need for fence around detention basin, Jay M will address, Mike A and Mike M will address with Jay M when he is ready, Amy S mentioned that this would a good location for a stream clean up project

Possible Acquisitions – Nothing new to report

OS Budget – Done, Tom S to submit to finance

Deer hunt update – 34 deer taken for the season, Tom S has details, Discussed possibly going to ground blinds for archery season only, Discussed opening WA to gun and bow throughout the property, Comment was made by Janet H that some posters need replacing at PE and PW, Will remind hunters that during orientation, Discussed complaints from neighbors about coyotes....will address with Council

Hunterdon County OSC Meeting – No meeting this month

Meeting with Readington Township mayor – Has not happened

Tool inventory completion – Will be completed after things warm up

Other

Signs – Amy needs generic sign when holding events on specific properties so attendees know where to go, Tom S to address

Grant received by Readington – Janet H to follow up on how they knew about the grant so as to apply

Chesnut trees – Mike M informed the group about a new resistant seed being developed, Can obtain non-resistant seed to help resistant seed brand when ready to plant, They will cross pollinate.

Next meeting is 3/23/23 at 6PM