

## Open Space Committee Agenda/Minutes

### Meeting of 7/27/2023

In attendance: Amy S, Les G, Tom S, Janet H, Mike A, Doug P, Lindsay H. William C

Approval of minutes from 6/22/2023: First = Amy S, Second Janet H

#### Properties

Farmers – Nothing to report

Windy Acres – Trail maintenance in the woods is not good. Fields are OK, Significant number of dead Ash trees

ProstakEast – Les G through his Rotary is ready to put up sign in parking lot along with additional trail markers in certain locations, With the heavy rains and bridge that Amy S had installed was washed away

Prostak West – Nothing to report

Hacketts – Possibility of having bee hives in 2024, Trail maintenance in wooded areas is not good

Brays – Possibility of having bee hives in 2024, Need to install trail markers, Suggestion was to wait until leaves are off the trees

Cramer's Creek - Trail maintenance in wooded areas not good, Les G reached out to NHHS re routing the 5K trail. Has not heard back, Related to Disc golf trees between holes 1 and 10 have still not been addressed by DPW, Ben and some volunteers did weedwacking on the fairways to make them playable as DPW has not been keeping up with the task, Yellow jacket nest found in the ground which DPW as addressed

BBR – Need 3 metal sign for no parking, Tom S reached out to Chief DeRosa re proper wording, Waiting on a response

Springside – DPW on top of section that has been closed off to biling

Possible Acquisitions – Janet H brought up about Harold's property next to Windy Acres, She was informed that Mayor Mullay had a conversaiton with Harold that CT is not interested to purchasing his property, Janet H stated that very likely the County with move forward with acquisition

Deer hunt update – Orientation held on Tuesday 7/11, Very well attended,

Hunterdon County OSC Meeting – Janet H attended, 2 properties in Raritan were acquired, Playground at Deer Path is completed at approximately \$2MM. Janet H mention the renovation and addition at the aboretum.

Tool inventory completion – Tom S to provide dates that work for him so that he and Mike A can complete this task

Other

Signs – See above for BBR and PE

Projects that need to be completed by DPW

- 1) Electric fence for bee hive at WA (COMPLETED)
- 2) Fence around water tank in BBR (Shared with Wm. Close)
- 3) Trees at start of Disc Golf course at CC (Shared with Wm. Close)
- 4) Trail around spring house at BH needs maintenance (Shared with Wm. Close)
- 5) Mowing of areas that Les and Jay discussed at CC (COMPLETED)
- 6) Repair the trail that was disturbed at CC (Wm. Close would be contacting engineers for housing site to address)
- 7) Make sure trails at WA are mowed and weed wacked
- 8) Install something to prevent birds from sitting in rafters at WA pavillion
- 9) Signs to close off biking trail at Springside (DPW is on top of this)
- 10) Post Open Space property at Eton Ct, Kent Ct and Hamden Rd
- 11) Place signs at Eton Ct, Hamden Rd and Kent Ct
  1. Sign are at Tom's office

Terms expiring at 12/31/23 – Mike A, Les G, Amy S, Doug P, Janet H, Ben H

- All asked to determine if they want to stay involved

- Mike A stated that he would like to stay involved with OSAC

but is stepping down as chair at the end of this year.

Next meeting is 9/27/2023 at 6PM

Les G made a motion to adjourn and this was seconded by Janet H