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Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund Program

Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting Notes of November 20th, 2017

AGENDA 1. POSAC convened on Monday November 20th, 2017, at the Route 12 Hunterdon County Complex, Flemington, NJ. Earle Steeves welcomed those in attendance and the meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: EARLE STEEVES, H. JORDAN GUENTHER, JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH, DONALD BROUGHTON, SUZANNE WILDER

Excused: KENNETH NOVAK, GERRY LYNESS, BILL BOWLBY

The meeting began with an introduction of Daniel Bush, the new Division Head of Parks replacing the retired Carol Bodder. Mr. Bush introduced himself and gave a brief background. He then led a discussion about a proposal to allow and regulate the placement of gnomes and associated structures along the Columbia Trail in High Bridge. The Borough has requested the County to facilitate this activity as it has become very popular within the Borough and on the County's Trail.

The Committee and Staff reviewed proposed regulations in order to ensure the placement of the gnome homes does not distract from the park. Donald Broughton made a motion to approve the proposed rules and recommended move forward with implementation. Juergen Huelsebusch seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA 2. Approval of the September 18th, 2017 Meeting notes: Jordan Guenther made a motion to approve the minutes. Don Broughton seconded. Suzanne Wilder abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

AGENDA 3. Review/Final Recommendation Municipal Grant Applications

- East Amwell Township – Debt Service, Clawson Park: Staff presented the information regarding East Amwell's application to utilize a portion of their grant for the payment of debt service related to the acquisition of Clawson Park. Jordan Guenther made a motion to approve. Don Broughton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA 6. – PARKS OPERATIONAL

- Staff discussed the recent staffing changes and the vision of the new Head of the Parks Division. The Committee discussed various topics of areas in which the County and Municipalities can work together creatively to achieve our goals. Various upcoming projects such as renewed and updated signage across County parks were also discussed.

AGENDA 7. – NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- Staff gave an update as to the draft Strategic Parks & Open Space Plan and the Committee discussed changes and clarifications needed to the plan. An estimated timeline was reviewed as part of the plan adoption.

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- The Committee and Staff discussed the possibility of municipalities collaborating with the County on trail mapping and forming a centralized location of all hiking trails in all county and municipal Parks.

AGENDA 9. – POSAC/PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

AGENDA 10. - ADJOURN – *Having no further business, Donald Broughton motioned to adjourn. Jordan Guenther seconded. Meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully prepared and submitted by: *Bill Millette* January 16th, 2018.