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Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund Program

Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting Notes of September 18, 2017

AGENDA 1. POSAC convened on Monday September 18th, 2017, at the Route 12 Hunterdon County Complex, Flemington, NJ. Jordan Guenther welcomed those in attendance and the meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: EARLE STEEVES, H. JORDAN GUENTHER, KENNETH NOVAK, JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH, DONALD BROUGHTON

Excused: GERRY LYNESS, BILL BOWLBY, SUZANNE WILDER

The meeting began with a discussion about a proposal by the Borough of High Bridge to erect an archway at the entrance to the Columbia Trail located on Main Street in High Bridge. The arch will be donated by a local business. Members were supportive of the idea and recommended the County move forward with granting the Borough permission to install the Archway.

The Committee also discussed the status of the Strategic Parks & Open Space Plan being prepared. The draft Executive Summary was distributed and members provided comments. A discussion was had regarding fostering cooperation between farmland preservation efforts and open space preservation efforts in regards to trail connectivity.

AGENDA 2. Approval of the July 18th, 2017 Meeting notes: Ken Novak made a motion to approve the minutes. Juergen Huelsebusch seconded. Earle Steeves abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

AGENDA 3. Review/Final Recommendation Municipal Grant Applications

- Tewksbury Township – Farmland Preservation Plan preparation: Staff presented the information regarding Tewksbury's application to utilize a portion of their grant funding to hire a consultant to prepare a Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan as required by the State to receive farmland preservation funding. Juergen Huelsebusch made a motion to approve. Don Broughton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA 7. – PARKS OPERATIONAL

- Staff discussed the possibility of reconfiguring the Open Space Acquisition Assistance Grant programs to help reduce redundancy in applications and reduce the complexity of the application process.
- Staff gave an update on all the various pending projects happening within the Parks System including the success of the Summer Nature Program, progress of the Clubhouse, new ranger and staffing changes, the Harbinger, and the increased interest in the trips offered by the Department.

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AGENDA 9. – POSAC/PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

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

Respectfully prepared and submitted by: *Bill Millette*, November 20th, 2017.