Raritan Township Open Space Advisory Committee Agenda.
Wednesday April 11, 2018 5:30 PM Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. One Municipal Drive

Members: Tony Hajjar Township Engineer, Chair - Amy Greene, Joel Throne, Timothy McCarthy, Ryan Edge, James Miller, Steve Farslou, Committeewoman and Deputy Mayor Karen Gilbert, Committeeman Craig O'Brien

Open Session Agenda:

1. Open Space Plan – Review minutes of Public comment that was accepted on the plan at Open Space Committee Public Hearings on October 11 and September 13 of the Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting. Comments will be compiled and the updated plan prepared by Jessica Caldwell, our planner, and the plan will be submitted to the Raritan Township Planning Board for review and adoption as the Open Space Element of the Township Master Plan. The adopted plan will then be submitted to NJDEP Green Acres. The plan is a requirement for continued Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant funding for Land Acquisition.
2. Farmland Preservation Plan – The plan is nearing finalization by representatives from the Open Space Committee and the Agricultural Committee and will be provided to the Planning Board to be adopted as the Agricultural Preservation Element of the Master Plan. The Target Farms map will be revised in GIS by the Township's Sr. Engineering Aid Tom Tully.
3. Tony Hajjar and Amy Greene updated the Green Acres Recreation and Open Space Inventory. This will be submitted to NJDEP Green Acres. Waiting for final review by Township Attorney. This is required for Green Acres funding. http://www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/pdf/osrpg_2017.pdf.
4. Carol Barbati, Assistant to the Township Administrator, updated the township website with current data on open space and current map.
5. Walnut Brook Preserve, Levico Tract - Raritan Headwaters Association obtained a Grant from The Nature Conservancy to plant 100 trees. Planting is scheduled for Friday April 27 and Saturday April 28. See flyer. On township website and available at the Clerk's office. Need volunteers in the spring to plant.
6. Toll Brothers is paying for planting of 100 trees at Walnut Brook Preserve. Amy Greene and Ryan Edge will prepare a plan to provide to Tony Hajjar for submission to Toll Brothers. Schedule field visit.
7. Ryan Edge – report on status of Recreation Field development planning at Hunterdon County Clover Hill Park.
8. Resolution to close the public portion of the meeting to go into closed session to review property acquisitions.

Next meeting 5:30 PM second Wednesday of the month: May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12, 2018