Raritan Township Open Space Advisory Committee Agenda.
Wednesday August 8, 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 Farsiou, Committeewoman and Deputy Mayor Karen Gilbert, Committeeman Craig O'Brien

Open Session Agenda:

1. Open Space Plan – Jessica Caldwell, our planner, is compiling the draft plan and public comments 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. The plan will be reviewed by the Planning Board after NJDEP Green Acres makes a decision by the township to correct the ROSI by removal of the Dayton Road property Block 63.14 Lot 23 from the ROSI.
2. This will be submitted to NJDEP Green Acres. There was a public hearing on July 9, 2018 and a subsequent Township Committee meeting held to solicit public comment regarding a requested amendment to the ROSI to make a correction regarding on Dayton Road. The entire 20-acre lot was included in the 2011 version of the ROSI submitted to Green Acres. The Township is clarifying that a 8.9 acre portion of the lot is to be used for affordable housing and that only the remaining portion, that is under conservation easement, should instead be on the ROSI instead of the entire parcel. The ROSI update is required for Green Acres funding. http://www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/pdf/osrpg_2017.pdf.
3. 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.

4. Walnut Brook Preserve, Levico Tract - Tree planting was a big success. Amy Greene will contact Raritan Headwaters regarding applying for another Nature Conservancy grant for more tree plantings.
5. 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. Planting locations may include Walnut Brook Preserve and/or Urbach Farm.
6. 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: September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12, 2018