

**Raritan Township Open Space Advisory Committee Agenda.**  
**Wednesday October 9, 2019 5:30 PM Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. One Municipal Drive**

Members: Tony Hajjar Township Engineer, Chair - Amy Greene, Vice Chair - Harry Quinn, Joel Throne, Timothy McCarthy, James Miller, Jesse Allen, Mayor Jeff Kuhl and Committeewoman Karen Gilbert

Public Comment:

Open Session Agenda:

1. Newsletter article was published regarding deer management. Thanks Karen and editors!
2. Township Open Space Plan Review – Status of Raritan Township Planning Board review? After adoption submit to NJDEP Green Acres. The plan is a requirement for continued Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant funding for Land Acquisition.
3. Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) – The updated ROSI was submitted to NJDEP Green Acres 12/3/18. No comments received. The ROSI update is required for Green Acres funding.
4. Farmland Preservation Plan – The plan was submitted to SADC and will be provided to the Planning Board to be adopted as the Agricultural Preservation Element of the Master Plan.
5. Walnut Brook Preserve, Levico Tract off Thatchers Hill Rd- Fall tree planting October 5 was a success! 100 trees were purchased with donations from OS members and from Clean Communities grant money provided by the Environmental Commission from their road cleanup. We had a good volunteer crew with help from Raritan Headwaters Association staff and volunteers, Harry Quinn, James Miller and Amy Greene from Open space Committee, neighbor Joe Lustig and his kids Mia and Max, Tim Hand from Raritan Township, etc. Ray Simmonds from EC helped unload the plants. Two areas were slated for planting, one along the tributary to Walnut Brook mostly within the area proposed for the deer fencing. Planting in this area was completed on Saturday. The other in an open area next to Walnut Brook near the intersection of Oak Grove and Barton Hollow Rd. planting of the latter area is proposed for this Thursday at 1:30.
6. Toll Brothers planted about 100 trees at Micek Farm Park and Mine Brook Park. 2 year warranty.
7. 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:** November 13, December 11, 2019

**This Committee is not subject to OPMA in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8.**