

Minutes of Open Space Committee
Nov 10, 2022

Members Present: Paul Cohen, , Dan Daly, Franklyn Carlson, Jim Lee and Peter Dorward, Liz Allard
Jeff Legros: representing MRPC

Approval of:

Min from 8/11/22 OSC meeting

Peter proposes that we strike last paragraph of draft minutes as it appeared it was superfluous, also suggested changing a statement in 2nd paragraph from 10 owned parcels to “several” (Dan motion to approve as amended, Jim 2nd). All approve

Min from 09/09/22 OSC meeting

Peter suggests that in 2nd page 2/3 down 2nd sentence that we “application” to “acquisition”. (Jim motion to approve as amended, Dan 2nd).

All approve

Min from 10/13/22 OSC meeting. Dan abstain (not present) rest approve

Peter suggests that Liz and Jeff are not voting members and should be identified as such.

(Jim motion as amended, Paul 2nd). Dan abstain (not present at meeting) all others approve.

Jim to take minutes of current meeting.

Old Business:

Update on finding site for ballfield(s).

\$1500 earmarked for wetlands identification at HP.

Peter states that Rich suggests that OSC not further involved in this evaluation.

Letter to Rec site landowners:

We have a draft letter to landowners of parcels which are suitable for Rec spaces.

Have a list of a “few” landowners who will be contacted prior to letter going out to landowners.

Dan: Are we going to do a similar outreach to “Cons” type landowners?

Peter suggests that there is a significant difference between searching for Rec space and searching for Conservation type parcels.

Jim suggests that perhaps OSC drafts a similar letter to owners of Conservation type properties.

Dan volunteers to pen a similar type letter for Conservation properties.

Next steps are:

Talk to small list(6) of landowners with a representative of Cons and a rep of Rec present.
Print up letter and obtain addresses
Send the letter

Update of OSRP

Peter asks for updates for Rec section of OSRP.
No progress yet
Dan to work with Linda
Liz suggests that Nov 21 would be date at which the updated is needed.

Frank states no updates available from Ag group.
Jeff Legros suggests that there is a lot of info in the Apple County Report, Climate Resiliency and Nature based solutions report and MVP report, in regard to updating section 4 of OSRP ag section.
Jeff will pull out info from these reports that will work well in OSRP.

Action Plan update section:
Suggestions needed for edits for this section. Members should put edits into spreadsheet version of 2016 and submit to Peter or Liz.
Needed By Nov 21.

Dan suggests we be clear about definition of "Open Space" and "Active Rec space"

Rich joins the meeting at about 8:40.

Jeff Legros report on update of OSRP:
Section 7 revisions
Added new subsection. Climate resiliency subsection
Combined two sections 6 and 7 Dealing with Active Rec
Outlined other sections that he has pulled together.
OSC members should review and make comments
Comments due by Nov. 21.

New Business:

Dan: Ask for OSC for endorsement of application to CPC for open space funds \$200K for FY 2024.
Asks for OSC to be co-signatory of application
This is only for land acquisition, 6+ acres. Part of \$4.5M request to finance committee for funds to develop Recreation site.

Jim asks if OSC should prioritize this request along with other OSC requests.

Peter asks if this proposal needs to be approved by Cons. Comm.?
Dan not sure if needed but will be consulted.

Rich makes motion that OSC be co-requester for submitted CPC application.
Motion by Rich: to approve, as a co-applicant with Park and Rec and HPS, the application to CPC for funding for purchase of land for playing fields(\$200K). 2nd by Paul.

Paul, Rich, Dan, Jim, Frank, Aye.
Peter, Nay.

Next meeting scheduled for Dec 8, 2022 at 8:00am.

Meeting adjourned