



**PASSAIC COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 20th, 2023
Dey Mansion, 199 Totowa Road, Wayne**

Assistant Planner Salvatore Presti opened the meeting at 5:30 PM and read the roll call. He then stated that the notice that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maria-Elena Grant, Vice Chair; Greg Moore, Parks Department; Nordan Murphy, Engineering Department; Kelly Ruffel, Director of Cultural & Historic Affairs; Bhupendra Gadhavi; Sandra Lawson; Robin Canetti; Bernard Vroom; Alice Szepietowski

STAFF PRESENT: Marc Seemon, Deputy County Administrator; John Pogorelec, County Counsel; Andras Holzmann, Planning Director; Salvatore Presti, Assistant Planner; Isabella Costa, Archivist & Grant Monitor

MINUTES: A motion to adopt the minutes of the February 9th, 2023 meeting was made by Vroom and seconded by Gadhavi. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PORTION

No members of the public were present.

NEW BUSINESS

Presti and Costa presented to the committee the following applications for the 2023 Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Preservation cycle:

Open Space

- Bloomingdale – Bogue Pond Park Playground
- Clifton – Sperling Park Rehabilitation Phase II
- Friends of Paterson Parks – Pennington Park Playground Improvements
- Haledon – Tilt Street Restroom and Storage Facility Phase IV
- Hawthorne – Franklin Field Bleachers
- Highlands Nature Friends – New Weis Center
- Little Falls – Wilmore Park Improvements Phase III
- Paterson – Lou Costello Pool Remodeling Project Phase I
- Pompton Lakes – Hershfield Park Improvements Phase II
- Prospect Park – Hofstra Park Playground
- Totowa – Community Pool Playground Equipment
- Wanaque – Playground Equipment Replacement
- Wayne – Ralph Valt Memorial Park Playground Improvements/Basketball Court & Tennis Court Improvements
- Wayne Little League – Wayne Little League D2 Turf

- Wayne Police Athletic League (PAL) – Field Lighting LED Upgrade
- Woodland Park – Frank D. Zaccaria Park

Historic Preservation

- American Labor Museum – Botto House Stabilization
- Clifton – Hamilton House Restoration
- Friends of Wallisch Homestead – Timber Barn Stabilization
- Skylands Association – Carriage House Roof Restoration at Skylands Manor
- Wayne – Mead Van Duyne House Restoration
- Little Falls Historic Society (Priority 1) – Old Town Hall Roof and Gutter Restoration
- Little Falls Historic Society (Priority 2) – ADA Compliant Bathrooms

Following the presentation, the Committee asked questions and discussed some of the details regarding the proposed projects. Discussion included field visits, change in award schedule and staffing, and grantee portfolios.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the application review process for 2023. Ruffel will provide electronic copies of all application materials to the Committee for questions and review, since this was not prepared in advance of the meeting. A new meeting was added to encourage moving the award notifications sooner. All applications will be reviewed more in depth at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Lawson and seconded by Vroom to hold a meeting on Wednesday, May 24th at the Dey Mansion at 5:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM was made by Canetti and seconded by Szepietowski. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Salvatore Presti on behalf of Jessie Summers