

**Passaic County Open Space Advisory Committee
May 24, 2023 Meeting**

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

1. Deputy County Administrator Marc Seemon
2. County Counsel Designee: John Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.
3. Department of Engineering Designee: Nordan Murphy
4. Department of Parks & Recreation Designee: Greg Moore
5. Department of Cultural & Historic Affairs Designee: Kelly Ruffel
6. Department of Planning & Economic Development: Andras Holzmann
7. Chair Anne Kahwaty
8. Vice Chair Maria-Elena Grant
9. Bhupendra Gadhavi
10. Robin Canetti
11. Bernard Vroom III
12. Alice Szepietowski
13. Lauralee Harding
14. Karen Agosto

Members Absent:

15. County Commissioner Pat Lepore
16. Isabel Agudelo
17. Sandra Lawson

A roll call brought the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Kahwaty made the announcement of the Open Public Meeting Act.

A motion was made by Canetti and seconded by Grant to open the public portion.

Motion passed unanimously.

No one from the public was present.

A motion was made by Canetti and seconded by Grant to close the public portion.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Szepietowski and second by Canetti to approve the minutes of the April 20th, 2023 meeting.

The motion passed with one abstention by Kahwaty.

Under New Business, Seemon gave opening statements addressing question from the previous Open Space Committee meeting. Presti, Costa, and Ruffel presented preliminary funding recommendations for each application and answered questions from the committee.

Under Old Business, no items were discussed.

Under Open Discussion, a discussion was held regarding applicants submitting NJDEP permits as part of their applications. After discussion, it was agreed that disclosing if NJDEP permits were required for the project would be acceptable for a project application, with more follow up on permitting to be carried out further down the project funding process. A discussion was held to move the June 1st, 2023 meeting to June 15th, 2023.

A motion was made by Szepietowski and seconded by Gadhavi to move the June 1st, 2023 meeting to June 15th, 2023, with a start time of 5:30 PM and located at the Dey Mansion.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Canetti and seconded by Szepietowski to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.

/ s / Salvatore Presti

Assistant Planner, Passaic County