

**Passaic County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes from Thursday June 6, 2019**

Meeting call to order / Flag Salute: 6:01 pm led by Chair Sandy Lawson

Visual Roll Call – Members Present: Freeholder Assad Akhter, Matthew P. Jordan (Deputy County Administrator), Chair Sandy Lawson (Wanaque), Vice Chair Bernie Vroom (Bloomingdale), Isabel Agudelo (Passaic), Robin Canetti (Ringwood), Cindy Frank (Hawthorne), Maria-Elena Grant (Hewitt), Anne Kahwaty (Little Falls), Steven Orsini, Jr. (North Haledon), Alice Szepietowski (Clifton), John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. (Assistant County Counsel), Kathleen M. Caren (Open Space Coordinator, Planning & Economic Development); Mike Donnelly (Planning & Economic Development); Nordan Murphy (Engineering Dept.), Greg Moore (Parks Dept.),

Absent: Kelly Ruffel (County Cultural and Historic Affairs), Angela Fields (Paterson), Bhupendra V. Gadhavi (Wayne).

Public Portion: Sandy call for a motion to open, Bernie motioned to open and Robin seconded, and seeing no from the public and seeing no one, motion to close the public portion was made by Bernie and seconded by Robin, all approved.

Minutes: Robin motioned to accept minutes from the May 9, 2019 and Bernie seconded. All voted in favor to accept, except those who weren't at the meeting.

New Business: 2019 Open Space Applicant Presentations

Presentations were made by the following organizations:

- Wayne Township for the construction of an inclusive playground gazebo, sensory garden and small parking area (Tim Roetman)
- Paterson Habitat for Humanity for the development of MLK Park (Veronica Fernandez-Rogers and Steve Kehayes, as well as many others, representing various organizations involved) on two city-owned parcels, in agreement with City of Paterson
- Wanaque Borough for Lakeside Park (Joe Ferrito and Kathy Falone): basketball court upgrades, benches, new playground equipment, fencing
- Tri-Boro Little League for Anderson Field outfield and safety improvement (Drew Juhlin and Joe Bennett)
- City of Passaic for Pulaski Park improvements, such as rubberized walking track, outdoor fitness stations, lighting at Roberto Clemente field, landscaping, parking lot drainage improvements and striping (Ian Eichen from Millennium and Jessica Lezcano, Recreation Director)
- City of Clifton for Richardson Scale Park multiple passive recreation projects (bocce, horseshoes, pickle ball, corn hole, chess tables) as well as adding a rain garden and seating instead of expanding parking area across road, also pavilion and promise to keep remaining large trees as long as not invasive species (Debbie Oliver, Recreation)

- Woodland Park Borough for Diane Grimes Park playground rehab (Mayor Keith Kazmark) and addition of a slide for sloped area
- Haledon Borough for 30 Tilt Street construction of restrooms and storage for amenities (tables, chairs, holiday tree, etc.) used at Belmont Town Square Park (Megan O'Brien from Millennium and Allan Susen)
- Little Falls Township for Duva Field improvements (Mayor James Damiano)

The presentations were followed by deliberations. Matt distributed Freeholder Akhter and Administration's recommendations.

[It was noted that The Botto House is not in conformance with our rules and therefore ineligible for funds. The county is working with them to help them come in conformance.]

The committee strongly felt that the Martin Luther King Park project should receive funding. This resulted in an adjustment to the recommended funding in order to fully fund the MLK Park (see attached, updated recommendations).

Adjournment: With no more to discuss, at 7:20 a motion by Bernie, seconded by Kathleen.

NEXT MEETING – TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Frank

2019 OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATIONS

APPLICANT	PROJECT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	UNEXPENDED GRANT FUNDS	TYPE
American Labor Museum	Hygenic Upgrade of Botto House	\$ 14,422.20	\$ -	\$ -	Historic Preservation
Bloomingtondale	Walter T. Bergen Tennis Court Rehabilitation	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 190,255.60	Park Development
City of Paterson	Improvements to Eastside Park	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 331,785.15	Park Development
City of Paterson	Ivanhoe Mill Wheelhouse, Upper Raceway Park	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 331,785.15	Park Development
Clifton	Richardson Scale Park Improvements	\$ 196,240.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	Park Development
Clifton	Holster Park ADA Improvements	\$ 92,950.00	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	Park Development
Community Association of the Highlands	Rehabilitation of Highlands Natural Pool	\$ 14,039.00	\$ 14,039.00	\$ -	Park Development
Friends of Wallisch Homestead, Inc.	Creamery Exterior Repairs	\$ 29,473.00	\$ 29,473.00	\$ 33,430.00	Historic Preservation
Friends of Wallisch Homestead, Inc.	Barn Interior Repairs	\$ 12,375.00	\$ -	\$ 33,430.00	Historic Preservation
Haledon	Tilt Street Park Improvements	\$ 224,995.00	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 178,750.00	Park Development
Hawthorne	Pathway Lighting at Bandshell	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	Park Development
Highlands Nature Friends	Rehabilitation of Weis Center	\$ 52,993.00	\$ 52,993.00	\$ 55,673.80	Park Development
Little Falls	Duva Field Improvement Project	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 415,000.00	Park Development
NJCDC	Window Repairs, Rogers Locomotive Mill	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	Historic Preservation
NJCDC	Façade Repair and Restoration, Rogers Locomotive Mill	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	Historic Preservation
North Haledon	High Mt. Playground Rehabilitation	\$ 147,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	Park Development
Passaic	Pulaski Park Improvement Project	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 296,265.00	Park Development
Paterson Habitat for Humanity	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park	\$ 99,066.00	\$ 94,066.00	\$ -	Park Development
Pompton Lakes	Willow Field Joe Grill Complex Project	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	Park Development
Prospect Park	Hofstra Field Soccer Field Phase II	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	Park Development
Totowa	PAL Fields Recreation Lighting Project	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 629.47	Park Development
Tri-Boro Little League	Anderson Outfield and Safety Improvements	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	Park Development
Wayne	Lakeside Park Improvements	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	Park Development
Wayne	Shai Shacknai Park Inclusive Playground	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 181,163.00	Park Development
Wayne	Upper Tennis Court Resurfacing	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ 181,163.00	Park Development
Wayne Little League	Complex Improvements	\$ 131,310.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 46,342.65	Park Development
Woodland Park	Diane Grimes Memorial Park Improvements	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	Park Development

Note: Paterson Habitat's request reduced by \$5000 post-deliberations, via email on 6/10/19

GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED = \$ 3,694,863.20 \$ 1,786,571.00

GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE = \$ 1,800,244.39

GRANT FUNDS UNALLOCATED = \$ 13,673.39