

**Passaic County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes from Thursday May 9, 2019**

Meeting call to order / Flag Salute: 6:40 pm led by Chair Sandy Lawson

Visual Roll Call – Members Present: Chair Sandy Lawson (Wanaque), Vice Chair Bernie Vroom (Bloomingtondale), Isabel Agudelo (Passaic), Robin Canetti (Ringwood), Cindy Frank (Hawthorne), Maria-Elena Grant (Hewitt), Anne Kahwaty (Little Falls), Alice Szepletowski (Clifton), John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. (Assistant County Counsel), Kathleen M. Caren (Open Space Coordinator, Planning & Economic Development); Nordan Murphy (Engineering Dept.).

Absent: Freeholder Assad Akhter, Matthew P. Jordan (Deputy County Administrator), Kelly Ruffel (County Cultural and Historic Affairs), Greg Moore (Parks Dept.), Angela Fields (Paterson), Bhupendra V. Gadhavi (Wayne), Steven Orsini, Jr. (North Haledon).

Public Portion: Sandy call for a motion to open, Kathleen motion to open and Alice seconded, and seeing no from the public and seeing no one, the public portion was closed.

Minutes: Bernie motioned to accept minutes from the March 28, 2019 and Kathleen seconded. All voted yes except Robin, who wasn't at the meeting.

New Business: Swearing in of new member Robin Canetti (Ringwood) by John.

Discussion of 2019 Park Development applications: Kathleen summarizes the applications that have been submitted. Site visits for the following applications are scheduled for Wednesday May 15:

- Richardson Scale and Holster Parks (Clifton)
- Tilt Street (Haledon)
- Pulaski Park (Passaic)
- Rev. Dr. MLK Jr Park (Paterson Habitat for Humanity)
- Shai Shacknai Park and Upper Tennis Court (Wayne)
- Diane Grimes Memorial Park (Woodland Park)

Kathleen promised to email itinerary to committee members.

Old Business: nothing to discuss

Coordinators Report: Kathleen briefly went over the Unexpended Grant Funds as of 5/9/2019. She explained that the new rules are helping, and that a number of grant recipients who have had long-standing unexpended grant funds are beginning to spend down their balances or have applied for extensions.

Correspondence: Kathleen explained that she received an email from Wayne resident Charles Mielke in which he thanked Kathleen for explaining the application process to him, stated his

interest in presenting his concerns regarding the Shai Shacknai park project to the Freeholders, and asking Kathleen for the Trust Fund (Advisory Committee) meeting schedule.

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

NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 @ 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Frank