

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2018
POMPTON LAKES OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

Present were Councilman Erik DeLine, Council Liaison Ek Venin, Environmental Officer Ed Merrill, Maria Kent, Randy Hinton for Ann Tacinelli, Mike Barbara, Mike Riga, Tim Troast, Lauren Venin, and Board Secretary Kathy Troast. Mayor Mike Serra, Frank Russo, Julie Doncoes, Orlando Mundaca, and Andy Silverstein were excused.

Minutes- April 12, 2018: Approved

- **NYS&W Bicycle and Pedestrian Path:**
Erik DeLine informed the committee that there had been a miscommunication regarding Riverdale Opting Out of the project. The miscommunication has now been cleared up and Riverdale has a renewed interest in pursuing the project. The project has a new planner Liz Ward. Erik DeLine gave a brief background on her accomplishments and feels very optimistic going forward. There was discussion on the construction of the path, traffic control and the route of the path.
- **Passaic County Open Space Ordinance/Open Space Trust Fund Referendum:**
Councilman DeLine updated the committee on the Referendum. There was a brief discussion on the matter.
- **Morris Canal Greenway:** There was discussion on the concerns of ATV's getting onto the newly constructed trail. There were several Ideas' proposed in ways to block the ATV's from entering however it was determined that this is an ongoing struggle and very difficult to find a solution that will be effective.
- **Trails Maintenance Subcommittee Report:** Lauren Venin reported that the Watershed Ambassador reached out to the Flood Advisory regarding leftover saplings from another project. Lauren, Maria Kent and the Ambassador planted the leftover saplings in hopes that they will take root and grow. The Tourne Park Hike was very well attended and there are plans to return. Spring Maintenance Day is Saturday May 12th at 10:00am, and also Sunday May 20th at 10:00 a.m., meeting at Willow Field back parking lot. The Family Hike has changed from May 19th to May 26th. National Trails day is June 2nd, 10:00 a.m. meeting at Hershfield Park. Those who ordered T-Shirts will be notified by e-mail when they come in.
- **Public Discussion:**
Karen Murphy questioned if the Muller Property fence can be removed and the area cleaned up before Pompton Day. It was suggested that this may be a good project for the scouts. Shade Tree would like to prune the trees in the area. Erik DeLine will look into this.

Bill McSheffrey 204 Poplar Ave reported bottles in the river and described the location. He asked if this committee or another committee could possibly remove the bottles. Lauren Venin explained that it is not advisable for anyone to go into water to remove garbage/debris. She went on to explain that they are just not equipped however she would look into it.
- Erik DeLine made motion to adjourn, seconded by Tim Troast to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:24 p.m. All voted in favor.

Kathy Troast
Kathy Troast, Secretary