MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
POMPTON LAKES OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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

Present were Councilman Erik DeLine, Maria Kent, Julie Doncoes for Lauren Venin, Randy Hinton for Ann Tacinelli, Mike Barbara for Karen Murphy, Frank Abate for Cindy McNamera, Mike Riga, Lauren Venin, Tim Troast, Jason Lovasi, and Board Secretary Kathy Troast. Mayor Michael Serra, Council Liaison Jennifer Polidori, Mike Simone and Orlando Mundaca were excused.

Minutes- March 14, 2019: Approved

Open Space Balance: Approximately $434,585.50

Passaic County Open Space Grant Request
Councilman DeLine informed the committee the Willow Field Project may not be feasible due to the disposition of the fields and how the permits were filed. The Department of Environmental Protection objections were the location of fences on Blue Acre properties. Councilman DeLine stated having active recreation on blue acres is not allowed however passive recreation activities may be allowed. The Committee will need to revisit the plan and reconfigure the complex layout.

Muller Property Improvements Subcommittee
The subcommittee met on August 9th to discuss the “Lakeside Park Waterfront Project”. Maria Kent provided the committee with a summarized list of improvements compiled by the subcommittee. Members discussed each item and offered ideas, made suggestions and discussed the practicability of the project.

Councilman DeLine questioned if the Committee was at a point in time to request the Governing Body to proceed with the development of a conceptual plan for this project. After brief discussion all members were in favor of going forward toward developing a conceptual plan.

Motion moved by Maria Kent, second by Randy Hinton to approve requesting the Governing Body to develop a conceptual plan for the Muller Property Improvements a/k/a the “Lakeside park Waterfront Project”.

Roll Call: Councilman DeLine, Yes, Frank Abate for Cindy McNamara Zoning Board, Yes, Randy Hinton for Ann Tacinelli Shade Tree, Yes, Mike Barbara for Karen Murphy Recreation, Yes, Maria Kent Environmental, Yes, Julie Doncoes for Lauren Venin Flood Advisory Board, Yes, Jason Lovasi Member District 1, Yes, Mike Riga Member District 3, Yes, Time Troast Member District 4, Yes, Lauren Venin Member District 5, Yes

Lauren Venin questioned if the committee can revisit the Hershfield Park Project. Councilman DeLine stated the committee can revisit the Hershfield Park Project, however the Lakeside Park Project will take priority and after the governing body renders a decision on the Lakeside Park Project we can then revisit the Hershfield Park Project.

Councilman DeLine introduced Jason Lovasi as a newly appointed member representing the 5th Voting District. Mr. Lovasi gave a brief description of his background as a longtime resident and his involvement within the town.

Mr. Hinton informed the committee he will not be able to attend meetings until April and the Shade Tree Committee will replace him with another Shade Tree member until he is able to return.

Trails and Maintenance
Lauren Venin stated the Trails and Greenway are becoming difficult to maintain and requested some assistance from the Department of Public Works. The Committee discussed the workload pertaining to the volunteers and the D.P.W. Ms. Venin stated she would like to request the D.P.W. to mow the Greenway at least once a month and to trim the foliage back at arms length. Councilman DeLine will look into her request. Ms. Venin stated the committee is trying to involve community groups and have reached out to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The Family Hike Day will be on September 15th. Ms. Venin stated there will be no trail maintenance days until November. November 2nd is bulb planting day; there are 3,000 daffodil bulbs to be planted.

Mr. Abate questioned where the Trails Committee stores their maintenance equipment. Lauren Venin stated there is no storage place for the equipment and every volunteer brings their own equipment with them when maintaining the trails.

Public Discussion: None

Motion to adjourn – Lauren Venin, 2nd Tim Troast Adjourn 9:55 P.M.

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Kathy Troast, Secretary