

## **Municipal Open Space Trust Fund Committee Agenda**

**Date: 12/17/2024**

**Time: 8:00 PM**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes:
  - a. 9/11/2024 (page 3)
3. Old Business
  - a. MOST referendum
  - b. PSE&G
  - c. Park updates
4. New Business
  - a. Project proposals?
  - b. Thank you to Glenna and Lisa
5. Historical Commission: Dr. Norris
6. Environmental Commission: Ms. Dillon
7. PPRAB: Avi Berliner
8. Township Engineer: Mrs Gilani
9. Superintendent of Recreation: Ms. Crockett
10. Council Liaison: Ms. Goldberg
11. Good and Welfare
12. Adjournment

Teaneck GroupB is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Fields advisory board meeting

Time: Dec 19, 2024 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**\*\*\*9/11/2024 MInutes for approval\*\*\***

## **Municipal Open Space Trust Fund Committee Agenda**

**Date: 9/11/2024**

**Time: 8:00 PM**

**Attendees: Avi Berliner (Chair), Dr. M. Norris (THPC), L. Skulnik (Recreation)**

**Guests: B. Orr**

1. Call to order at 8:09
2. Approval of minutes:
  - a. 6/26/2024 - delayed
    - i. A. Berliner noted a delay and will share and forward when available
3. Old Business
  - a. 6 Year Capital Plan (See agenda page 3 from 2024 Budget Book Digitized)
    - i. A. Berliner shared the 6-year capital plan from the 2024 budget book (page 3 of posted agenda)
    - ii. An effort from the prior Township Manager along with department heads to create a plan for programs
    - iii. M. Norris expressed concern that Votee Park continues to be a primary beneficiary of MOST funds and would also like more focus on the Northeast parks (including Argonne & Coolidge)
      1. A. Berliner mentioned that Y. Gillers and the Environmental Commission were exploring opportunities for Argonne and will come back to MOST with recommendations and ideas
    - iv. L. Skulnik explained that this list was developed based on a survey of the popularity of parks and where people are going.
    - v. A. Berliner added that per prior discussions with the Recreation Department is that parks with a field are the most used
  - b. Recommendations
  - c. Historic Marker-60th Anniversary of Teaneck Public Schools Voluntary Integration
    - i. M. Norris: 9/18/2024 at Bryant School
    - ii. A. Berliner reflected from PPRAB that Allison Davis was in the first 6th grade class and shared stories at our last meeting
      1. M. Norris noted that Allison is expected to speak at the event

- 4. MOST & recreation updates:
  - a. Balance and budget update
    - i. A. Berliner: - spoke with CFO last week, waiting for final numbers of expected receivables and expenditures for MOST and PSE&G
  - b. PSE&G
    - i. A. Berliner - Funds continue to sit in an interest bearing account and we are waiting for the final approvals and numbers to utilize.
  - c. Park updates
    - i. A. Berliner:
      - 1. Herrick Park development (phase 1) started
      - 2. Votee Park bathrooms, pavilion, and shade and shelter are being constructed
      - 3. 4 pickleball courts moving forward at Andreas park
- 5. New Business
  - a. Fields Advisory Board
    - i. The fields advisory board is being formed and will focus on athletic field & facility maintenance and development needs
    - ii. Confirmed that the Recreation Department is on the board
  - b. Route 4 Bridge over Palisade Avenue and CSX, Bridge Replacement
    - i. Introduced the NJDOT program to replace the route 4 bridge. Discussed at a high level as there is relevance to parks and open space. Shared the NJ DOT Green Acres Public Hearing slide deck presented at the 7/30/2024 hearing in Teaneck.
    - ii. M. Norris asked if the B5068, L10 parcel proposal is adopted, is it too early to ask the PPRAB if it can be united with Argonne Park.
      - 1. A. Berliner noted that this has not yet been discussed at PPRAB
- 6. Teaneck Historic Preservation Commission: Dr. Norris
  - a. Close to finishing the installation of the historic park markers
  - b. Some owners of historic homes do not want markers on their property. A number of owners have cited privacy concerns.
  - c. THPC Trustee Cohen is working with the township attorney regarding the possibility of using MOST funds for maintaining historic properties and homes. This is exploratory to know what, if anything is permitted (for discussion).

- d. Suggested a temporary honorary street sign for Ulysses Kay who lived at 1231 Alicia Avenue. He was a well known composer
  - e. State is creating “Black Heritage Trail” entity and THPC will work with town to see if local committee can be formed to identify individuals and locations for additional markers
  - f. Asked if high school students can be used to help research and install markers
  - g. Enhance township online map with backgrounds to street names.
    - i. A. Berliner suggested a QR code sticker on each street sign pole that can be scanned while on a walk and present the background to a street name
  - h. Suggested considering park rangers for security at parks
7. Environmental Commission: Yosef Gillers
- a. n/a
8. PPRAB: Avi Berliner
- a. Starting park “tour” and review of available amenities, cleanliness, improvements, etc.
    - i. The PPRAB has started a renewed survey of parks and PPRAB members are visiting parks and capturing information in an online form
    - ii. Action Item: A. Berliner to share PPRAB park survey form with MOST members to desired feedback
      - 1. <https://fs3.formsite.com/ajdavis/haxwfgloq1/index>
9. Township Engineer: Mrs Gilani
- a. n/a
10. Superintendent of Recreation: Ms. Skulnik
- a. Active projects
    - i. Herrick Park phase 1 (basketball and baseball)
    - ii. Andreas park: 4 pickleball courts
    - iii. Votee park: tennis slates, pavilion, prefab bathrooms
11. Council Liaison: Ms. Goldberg
- a. n/a
12. Good and Welfare
- a. B. Orr noted the importance of MOST and hopes see the success of the upcoming resolution
13. Adjournment: 8.46