

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL HOPEWELL VALLEY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD BY VIDEO AND TELEPHONE  
JANUARY 18, 2022; 6:00PM

Lisa Wolff called the meeting to order at 6:03pm – a quorum being present.

**Roll Call:** Lisa advised the Committee that two members have stepped down (Peter Fengler and Gretchen Kish) and Amie Rukenstein has joined us. Dan called the Township and Boroughs members roll with the following members being present (√), absent, or excused:

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| Lisa Wolff, Chair, Twp. √               | Kurt Vollherbst, Twp. √       | Nicole Domaski, HB* Absent  |
| Alan Hershey, Vice-Chair, PB √          | Judy Clarke, Twp. Excused     | Ryan Kennedy, HB* √         |
| Dan Pace, Secretary, PB √               |                               | Jeff Hoagland, HB* Excused  |
| Michael Ruger, Twp. Liaison (arr. late) | Jennifer Rogers, Twp. Alt 1 √ |                             |
| Carol Kleis, Twp. √                     | Amie Rukenstein, Twp. √       | *One member is an Alternate |

1 **Others Present:** Robert Green who is observing this meeting to aid in his decision whether or not  
2 to accept appointment.  
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4 **2022 Reorganization:** Alan presided over the re-organization meeting election of Chairperson.  
5 Lisa was nominated and seconded. She accepted the nomination and was unanimously elected.  
6 Lisa then took over the re-organization meeting and asked for nomination of vice-chair. Alan  
7 was nominated for vice-chair, seconded and with no other nomination, unanimously elected.  
8 Lisa nominated Dan as secretary. A motion was made, seconded, and Dan was unanimously  
9 elected.  
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11 Dan asked for confirmation of the schedule and time of meetings for 2022. Dates of February  
12 15, April 19, June 21, August 16, October 25, December 20, and January 17, 2023 were  
13 approved with a start time of 5:30pm  
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15 **Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2021:** Lisa asked for a motion to approve the minutes. \_Carol  
16 moved the open and closed session minutes as presented; Alan seconded. The minutes were  
17 unanimously approved by those in attendance at that December meeting. Amie abstaining.  
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19 **Announcements:** Dan noted that Jenn Rogers is leaving the Mercer County Park Commission for  
20 new employment and he thanked her for her service as a County employee. Jenn remarked that while  
21 she was moving on to a new employment opportunity she will continue to live in the Township and  
22 serve on this Committee.  
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24 **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None  
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26 **Old Business:** With Michael not having joined the meeting yet, Alan reported on what was  
27 discussed at a meeting held with the Township's CFO that sought but did not thoroughly achieve  
28 answers to the questions identified in the Committee's December meeting minutes. Alan added that  
29 in a recent conversation with Green Acres, he was told the Township had a substantial amount of  
30 Green Acres funds available.  
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32 **New Business:** Lisa asked members if they had any comments on the Draft Township Open Space  
33 and Recreation Plan. Alan noted that he and Dan had commented to the Township. Carol suggested  
34 that any additional comments go through Alan who had represented this committee during the  
35 drafting process. Alan agreed.

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2 **Public Comment:** None  
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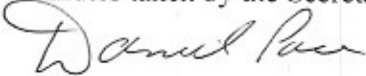
4 **Closed Session:** Alan moved for a closed session to discuss real estate matters, Kurt seconded, and  
5 the motion was unanimously approved with the Committee entering the session at 6:40pm.  
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7 At 7:50pm, the Committee ended closed session and returned to the Open meeting.  
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9 Prior to the meeting ending, George Snyder commented that: 1) he will be having a phone  
10 conversation with Renee Jones of Green Acres to get a clearer understanding of State funding;  
11 and 2) the Township Committee is working with Township attorneys Parker McKay to move the  
12 documentation forward regarding funding of the "Walker" Open Space acquisition. Lisa and Dan  
13 agreed to talk with the Townships legal representative.  
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15 On a motion by Carol, seconded by Alan, and unanimously approved, the meeting ended at  
16 7:55pm.  
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18 Minutes taken by the Secretary:

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20 Daniel Pace

21 Minutes Adopted: April 19, 2022  
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