



**Franklin Township Trails Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

October 10, 2018  
7:00PM

**Present:**

Jim Kuligowski, Chair  
Vanessa Jones, Vice-Chair  
Ann-Marie Orlusky  
Mark Fortin  
Chuck Martin

**Call to Order in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Chairman Jim Kuligowski.

**Approval of September 2018 Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2018 meeting was made by Chuck Martin and seconded by Ann-Marie Orlusky. All agreed and the motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Chairman Kuligowski opened the meeting to the public to provide comments and/or questions related to the agenda. Being that no public was present, the Public Session was closed.

**New Business**

***Update of Negri-Nepote Report and drafting of Griggstown Grasslands Report***

Tara Kenyon, Land Preservation and Management Consultant, updated the Committee on the progress made towards and update to the original Grasslands Management Plan. Tara reached out New Jersey Audubon Society, the original consultant used, to request a proposal for this update. Shortly after, New Jersey Audubon Society submitted questions related to the crafting of a proposal, including:

- Should this be a Maintenance Plan and not a complete update of the Grasslands Management Plan? The current practices and information in the Plan appear to be relevant. This would significantly reduce the time to complete the Plan as well as the cost.
- Does the township want to complete a full Bird/Butterfly Inventory? This will a significant amount of resources and may not be necessary.
- When does the Township want the Plan to be completed?

The Trails Committee asked Tara to obtain a proposal and quote for this work based on their recommendations from their review of the original Plan.

***Canal Fest – Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>***

Canal Fest is being held on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Trails Committee will host a table and sell calendars. Chuck Martin and Ann-Marie Orlusky agreed to staff the table.

## Old Business

### ***Pathways and Trails Plan***

The Pathways and Trails Plan update is still underway. The Committee needs to review the Assets and Obstacles Chapter as well as to continue to work on the mapping updates.

### ***Camera at Griggstown Grasslands Preserve***

The camera has been delivered. The Township is currently waiting on the solar batteries so it can be installed.

### ***Trail Maintenance Reports***

Members provided the following reports:

- Inman Park (Jim Kuligowski) – no report
- Negri-Nepote Grasslands (Ann-Marie Orlusky) – the grass is high and the kiosk is bare. It appears that the notebook often used by visitors is missing. The specimen plant areas have been cleared, but still require attention. The metal information signs are very faded. Tara Kenyon mentioned that Ahmed Awadallah is almost complete with his signage project at Negri.
- Bunker Hill Natural Area (Vanessa Jones) – damage to the fence continues to be a problem. Vanessa picked up litter and asked that it be removed by the Department of Public Works.
- Griggstown Grasslands (Mark Fortin) – no report
- Butler Road Natural Area (Chuck Martin) – many trail markers are either missing or damaged. Chuck is willing to help in fixing these issues; however he needs the actual trail markers to do so. Red cedars are still blocking a good portion of the Purple Trail – they need to be removed by the Department of Public Works.

### ***Reports from other Committees***

Tara Kenyon provided an update on the Open Space Advisory and the Agriculture Advisory Committees:

- Five properties are under consideration for farmland or open space preservation.
- The students from Rutgers University's Graduate Landscape Architecture studio are presenting their final report at the December 11, 2018 Council meeting.
- A wrap-up meeting is being planned for the Farmers Market Committee to discuss recommendations for next year

The Committee asked Tara Kenyon to request an appointment to the TAC from OSAC to fill Jack Connelly's vacancy. This position is important because it provides an important linkage between OSAC and the TAC, and allows representation from TAC to OSAC. Tara agreed to bring this request to OSAC at the next meeting.

## Adjournment

Ann-Marie Orlusky made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Chuck Martin. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

***Next Meeting: November 20, 2018***