

Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Advisory Committee  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, October 9, 2019

NEXT MEETING: November 13, 2019, 7:30 pm in the Committee Room at Hartley Dodge Memorial Building. Please notify Melissa if unable to attend.

PRESENT: A. Baillie, M. Honohan, J. Rhodes, G. Limbach, P. Hiscano, J. Maccari, T. Piskula, D. Mantone

GUEST: Frank Russo

- I. Call to Order at 7:30 pm by M. Honohan
- II. **Approval of the September 2019 minutes:** Astri Baillie moved; Jill Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the minutes with no amendments.
- III. **Dodge Field Bathroom Structure Replacement:** Frank Russo provided two concepts and an application requesting funding for the building to be located near the small playground at Dodge Field. The restroom facility would be ADA compliant, have remote door locking/security features and provide an overhang for seating. An initial cost estimate was provided and a request for \$250,000 from Open Space was made. The general vision for Dodge Field revisions was to be made in Phases. Phase I is the bathroom structure replacement near the playground, Phase II includes replacement of the playground, Phase III to address the concession stand/bathroom structure as well as the storage facility. It was suggested that the passed approach be drafted with a timeline and associated budgets for a comprehensive review to take place.

A motion was made by A. Baillie and seconded by M. Honohan to recommend to the Borough Council that the Dodge Field bathroom structure near the playground be funded from Open Space funds for \$250,000, based on the submission of a comprehensive Master Plan for Dodge Field.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- IV. **Preparation of NJDEP Permitting for Memorial Park Trail System:** Frank Russo presented the application for \$50,000 to pay for the NJDEP permitting which will be a requirement for trail improvements in Memorial Park. The permitting is required in order to complete the trail improvements, which would be part of a Morris County Trail Grant application. The professional services would be reimbursable through the Trail Grant process.

A motion was made by Tom Piskula and seconded by George Limbach to recommend that the Borough Council approve \$50,000 for the required permitting for trail

improvements in Memorial Park in order to be prepared for the next round of Morris County Trail Grant applications.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- V. **New Business:** Jim Burnet will be invited to the January 2020 Open Space meeting to give a financial overview of the Open Space Fund.

8:40 pm meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Honohan