

Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund
Minutes of Advisory Committee Meeting
September 26, 2018

Present : Ron Dancer, Paul Brush, William Fox, Terry O'Leary, John Bacchione and John Wnek

Absent: Alan Avery, Ed Bennett, and D'Arcy Rohan-Green

Also present at the meeting were: Tony Agliata, (OCPD), Mark Villinger (OCPD), Stephanie Specht (OCPD), Kayla Kubiel (OCPD), Geoff Lohmeyer (OC Parks) Mat Thompson (County Counsel).

1. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and in Chairman's Avery absence, Mr. Dancer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Minutes – August 22, 2018

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mr. Bacchione to approve the August 22, 2018 minutes. Mr. Brush abstains. Roll was called. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Program Update
Closings

#381 Kas-Ronaoke, Jackson Twp. – 71.31 acres

Mr. Villinger advised Kas-Ronaoke closed this month and brings the total of preserved acres under the Natural Lands Program up to 17,184.43 acres.

5. New Business
New Applications

#460 Schen Farm, Plumsted Twp. – 64 acres

Mr. Villinger advised that the Schen's completed a subdivision and came back with a new application. The Township did not want to endorse the entire parcel. The new application excludes the commercial zoned frontage. The Committee agreed to have two appraisals done on this property.

#513 Grasso, Toms River Twp. – 15.40 acres

Mr. Villinger advised this is on the west side of North Bay Avenue. Toms River Township supports this acquisition and the Township has done appraisals. The owner's asking price is \$2 million for the parcel and the assessment is \$1,078,000. The Committee agreed to have one appraisal done and also request the Township's appraisal.

#514 Consoli, Stafford Twp. – 0.11 acres.

Mr. Villinger advised that there are two dilapidated structures on the property inholding in the Manahawkin Marsh. The owner is asking \$70,000 and the property has been assessed at \$95,000. The Committee agreed to have one appraisal done on the property.

#515 Nunn, Ocean Gate – 4.7 acres

Mr. Villinger advised to discuss this parcel in Closed Session.

6. Public Comment

The secretary read the resolution to enter into Closed Session.

MOTION was made by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mr. Brush to move into Closed Session at 5:15 p.m. All in favor motion carried.

MOTION was made by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mr. Brush to move back into Open Session at 5:40 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Dancer advised that in Closed Session two nominations were discussed for further action.

#502 – BBT Egenolf, Berkeley Twp. – 0.36 acres. A MOTION was made by Mr. Brush and seconded by Mr. Wnek to recommend to the Board of Chosen Freeholders acquisition of this property in the amount not to exceed \$75,000. Roll was called. All in favor, motion carried.

#504- FR Mtns-Brunetti, Lacey and Ocean Twps-7,860.64 acres A MOTION was made by Mr. Brush and seconded by Mr. O'Leary to formally recommend to the Board of Chosen Freeholders acquisition of this property in the amount not to exceed \$15,450,000. Roll was called. All in favor, motion carried.

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Mr. Brush commented that he would like to thank Freeholder John Bartlett for all he has done for the County and preserving Open Space. A MOTION was made by Mr. Brush and seconded by Mr. Fox for a Resolution to be prepared commending Freeholder John Bartlett for the work he has done effectively creating the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund Program.

Mr. Brush stated that the NLTF Committee was formed in 1998, with voter approval, and Freeholder Bartlett developed a great iconic project averaging about 1,000 acres per year being preserved.

MOTION was made by Mr. Brush and seconded by Mr. Bacchione to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. The next NLTF meeting will be held on October 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene Tomaino".

Darlene Tomaino, Committee Secretary