

Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund
Minutes of Advisory Committee Meeting
August 26, 2020

Present: Alan Avery, Ron Dancer, David McKeon, Greg Myhre, Terry O'Leary, John Wnek, John Bacchione and Martin Flemming III
Absent: William Fox

Also present at the meeting were: Freeholder Virginia E. Haines, Anthony Agliata (OCPD), Mark Villinger (OCPD), Tom Thorsen (OCPD), Nicole Leaf (OCPD), Geoffrey Lohmeyer (OC Parks), Laura Benson (County Counsel).

1. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Mr. Avery called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Minutes – July 22, 2020

A MOTION was made by Mr. McKeon and seconded by Mr. Dancer to approve the July 22, 2020 minutes. Roll was called. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Program Update

The total of preserved acres under the Natural Lands Program is 25,867 acres.

5. Old Business:

#223 Ascoli Colliers Mills, Plumsted Twp., 5.11 acres

Mr. Villinger advised Staff previously reached out to the State regarding this nomination and were advised this property was a low priority for State acquisition. Staff ordered appraisals and presented an offer. Due to the State appraising and making an offer on this property, this nomination is currently on hold.

6. New Business:

New Applications:

#574 GLP-Becker, Berkeley Twp., 1.32 acres

Mr. Villinger advised this nomination is an old marina damaged by Superstorm Sandy. This property is south of Good Luck Point, near Waters Edge Restaurant. The asking price is \$550,000. Blue Acres funding may be available. The Committee has advised Staff to perform a site visit.

#575 Jackson Mills, Jackson Twp., 5.25 acres

Mr. Villinger advised the asking price is \$140,000. The Committee has advised Staff to perform a site visit.

#577 West Turkey Swamp – W Fish Road, Jackson Twp., 0.92 acres

Mr. Villinger advised this property would be a donation. MOTION was made by Mr. McKeon and seconded by Mr. Dancer to recommend to the Board of Chosen Freeholders the donation of West Turkey Swamp – W Fish Road. Roll was called. All in favor, motion carried.

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#578 West Turkey Swamp Inholding III, Jackson Twp., 4.45 acres

Mr. Villinger advised this property is next to State property and is adjacent to West Turkey Swamp. The asking price is \$300,000. An appraisal was submitted by the Seller and the property is within NLTF project area. The Committee has advised Staff to perform a site inspection.

7. Public Comment

8. The secretary read the resolution to enter into Closed Session.

MOTION was made by Mr. O'Leary and seconded by Mr. Flemming to move into Closed Session at 10:32 a.m. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flemming and seconded by Mr. Dancer to move back into Open Session at 10:43 a.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Avery advised that in Closed Session three nominations were discussed. Action will not be taken at this time.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flemming and seconded by Mr. O'Leary to adjourn the meeting at 10:44am. The next NLTF meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 23, 2020 at 10:00am via Webex.

Respectfully submitted,



Kayla Kubiell, Committee Secretary