

Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund
Minutes of Advisory Committee Meeting
September 23, 2020

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

Also present at the meeting were: Freeholder Virginia E. Haines, Anthony Agliata (OCPD), Mark Villinger (OCPD), Nicole Leaf (OCPD), Geoffrey Lohmeyer (OC Parks), Laura Benson (County Counsel), Britta Wenzel (Save Barnegat Bay), Victoria Kemp (Public).

1. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Mr. Avery called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Minutes – August 26, 2020

A MOTION was made by Mr. Bacchione and seconded by Mr. Wnek to approve the August 26, 2020 minutes. Roll was called. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Program Update
Closings:
 - Wells Mills Vandermast, Ocean Twp., 1.84 acres

The total of preserved acres under the Natural Lands Program is 25,868 acres.

Draft 2020 Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan:

Mr. Villinger presented the plan to the committee and noted that the plan was released for public comment on September 14th. Public hearings on the plan are to be hosted on October 6th and October 20th 2020 via Webex. Information is available on the Ocean County Planning Department website. There is a 45-day comment period ending on October 29th 2020. Mr. Avery advised any comments received by members regarding the plan are to be forwarded to staff.

5. Old Business:
 - #574 GLP-Becker, Berkeley Twp., 1.32 acres

Mr. Villinger noted a site visit has been conducted of this property. The property is a former marina property located adjacent to Lifetime Homes property with an asking price of \$549,900.00. Mr. Avery stated the property would be a nice addition to the project area. The Committee has advised staff to order appraisals.

#575 Jackson Mills, Jackson Twp., 5.25 acres

Mr. Villinger noted a site visit has been conducted of this property. The property is located at the corner of Jackson Mills Road and Cedar Swamp Road. The Committee has advised staff to order appraisals.

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

Mr. Villinger noted that staff have conducted a site visit of the property and the Township will pass a resolution of support at their next meeting in October. The Committee had previously approved the donation at the August meeting, and reiterated their recommendation of the property to the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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

Mr. Villinger noted a site visit had been conducted of the property. The property consists largely of frontage along Cedar Swamp Road. The Committee has advised staff to order appraisals.

6. New Business:

New Applications:

#579 Scaly Pot – Wilson, Berkeley Twp., 0.5 acres

Mr. Villinger said that staff received this nomination after outreach to the property owners. The property has frontage on Harbor Inn Road and neighbors the Cultural Site managed by Parks. The asking price is \$139,900.00. The Committee advised staff to conduct a site visit and order appraisals.

7. Public Comment

Britta Wenzel from Save Barnegat Bay called in to express her support of properties reviewed today. Save Barnegat Bay will also be reviewing the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan and will be submitting comments and testimony in the near future.

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

MOTION was made by Mr. Wnek and seconded by Mr. Bacchione to move into Closed Session at 10:33 a.m. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Mr. McKeon and seconded by Mr. Myhre to move back into Open Session at 10:45 a.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Avery advised that in Closed Session five nominations were discussed. Action will be taken on three items.

#552 Cleveland Street III, Toms River Twp., 9.72 acres

MOTION was made by Mr. Dancer and seconded by Mr. McKeon to recommend to the Board of Chosen Freeholders in an amount not to exceed \$735,000.00. Roll was called. All in favor, motion carried.

#564 Dove Mill II, Jackson Twp., 5.18 acres

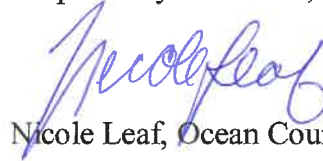
MOTION was made by Mr. Flemming and seconded by Mr. Dancer to recommend to the Board of Chosen Freeholders in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00. Roll was called. All in favor, motion carried.

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568 West Turkey Swamp Inholding II, Jackson Twp., 0.24 acres
MOTION was made by Mr. Wnek and seconded by Mr. Flemming to recommend to the Board of Chosen Freeholders in an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00. Roll was called. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Mr. Wnek and seconded by Mr. McKeon to adjourn the meeting at 10:51am. The next NLTF meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 28, 2020 at 10:00am via Webex.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Leaf, Ocean County Planning Staff