

**Hillsborough Township
Open Space Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

Attendees

	Present	Absent
Greg Hawzen	X	
Kevin Sluka	X	
Louise Wilkens	X	
Troy Lipani	X	
Mark Hasting	X	
Vivek Rao		X
Fred Gladstone	X	
Robert Peason	X	
Tom Shearer	X	

Other Attendees:

Invited: David Kois, Planning Director & Deputy Zoning Officer
Helen Haines, SC Open Space Program

Public Attendees

None

A salute to the flag was led by Greg Hawzen

Minutes of May 1, 2025, were adopted as follows:

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Greg Hawzen			X			
Kevin Sluka			X			
Louise Wilkens			X			
Troy Lipani	X		X			
Mark Hasting		X	X			
Vivek Rao						X
Fred Gladstone			X			
Robert Peason			X			
Tom Shearer			X			

Greg Hawsen gave a report on the Ag Committee.

- Discussions going on with Kanack and County. The country would consider life rights as part of the discussion. Kanack is located across from Woodfern.
- County is playing a larger role when it comes to discussions on parcels related to the Ag Board.

Helen Haines

- The interest in having a rail trail remains strong. The vision is to connect parcels in Hillsborough to enable a trail connecting into Branchburg and through Hunterdon County. The trail through Somerset County would meander from Somerville through Raritan into Hillsborough and continue into Branchburg. In some cases, the trail would have road crossings. And in certain cases, require easements from PSEG.

David Kois spoke about the Master Plan and the need for the Open Space Advisory Committee to continue to evaluate properties. Greg Hawsen and Louise Wilkins will coordinate with Township officials to review the properties and start the process. The list was made available by David Kois.

David Kois will get an update regarding the single family development proposal at the Powers Property, Block 12, Lot 3.21 (34.55 acre site). He will touch base with Chris Melick.

Meeting was opened to the public. No members from the public were in attendance.

The Committee entered into Closed Session to discuss land acquisition being pursued by County Open Space funding.

Several of the properties are part of the rail trail vision.

Updates were provided on several targeted properties

The Committee exited closed session to adjourn. A motion was made by Trot Lipani and seconded by Tom Shearer to adjourn. All voted favorably to adjourn.

Discussions ended at approximately 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Sluka