Open Space Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2026

Location: Phillipsburg Senior Center, 310 Firth Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Members in Attendance

- Rich Backes
- JP Stettner
- Sherry Corcoran
- Councilman Lee Clark
- Dominic Vangeli
- David DeGerolamo
- Kelly Lefler
- Sue Piazza
- Stacy Evans

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

Open Public Meeting Act Statement read.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the June 8 minutes: Sherry Corcoran made the motion, Lee Clark seconded, and all were in favor.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

Recreation Director Report

- The budget was provided by Shannon Quick as of 8/31/2026. Copy in Open Space Binder.
- There were no recommendations made to the Open Space Committee from the Recreation Committee.
- Mercer Street Playground is complete with the exceptions of signs not installed, and the old pool house building still stands. Electric for the septic pump house has not been relocated.
- Van Cleef Engineering Submitted a report on Parks projects. And future funding. Copy in Open Space Binder.
- There were no updates regarding environmental testing and mitigation for Delaware River Park.
- The ROSI report is still pending from the State.
- Howard Street land acquisition updates are pending from the State.
- The Rail-to-Trails project is pending action from the State.
- The disposal application for Brensinger School has not been resolved, and Tim is working on it.
- Morris Canal Arch information was presented by Randy Piazza Sr. Discussion included possible preservation, easement from Bridge and Railroad, and confirmation of ownership by Green Acres.
- Repairs are underway on the cannon balls in Shappell Park. Monument has new color-changing lighting.
- A motion to reject the acquisition of 150 South Main Street was made by Sherry Corcoran and Seconded by JP Stettner. All were in favor.

General Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

Kelly Lefler made the motion to adjourn, Stacy Evans seconded, and all were in favor.

Report submitted by Rich Backes, Secretary, November 9, 2026.