

## OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Open Space Committee

There is hereby established an Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee which shall consist of nine members whose terms and powers are hereinafter set forth.

### Membership

The Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee shall be comprised of the following persons:

1. Township Manager;
2. Two members of the Township Council appointed by the Council;
3. Six residents of the Township to be appointed by the Council;
4. The Director of the Community Services and the Chief Financial Officer shall serve as ex-officio members of the committee and shall have no vote on the committee.

The residents appointed by the Council shall hold no other Municipal office, position or employment in the Township.

### Terms of Office

The term of the Township Manager, the Director of Community Services and the Chief Financial Officer shall correspond to their respective tenure. The term of the Council members shall be for one year beginning on July 1 or terminate at the completion of their respective terms of office, whichever occurs first. Public members shall be appointed by the Council and shall serve for terms of three (3) years beginning on July 1, except that, the term of the members first appointed pursuant to this section shall be distributed evenly over the first three (3) years after their appointments so that the term of not more than two (2) public members shall expire in any one year.

### Powers and Duties

- A. The powers and duties of the Open Space Trust Committee shall be limited to those enumerated herein. The Open Space Trust Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Township Council.
- B. The Open Space Trust Committee shall prepare a report recommending the parcels of land which may be acquired in fee and/or those parcels of land from which the Township should acquire development rights only. The Committee shall also develop and maintain an updated plan outlining the Committee's recommendations for the acquisition, development and maintenance of lands for recreation and conservation purposes and the historic preservation of historic properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas or objections. The Committee shall submit to the Township Council the properties which it recommends that the Township acquire. The Township Council

shall review the properties submitted and make a determination as to which properties, if any, are to be acquired.

- C. After reviewing the properties referred to herein, the Township Council may proceed to acquire, by gift, purchase or by eminent domain proceedings, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 et seq., the identified parcels or parcels recommended by the Council within the financial constraints established by the Township Council.
- D. The Open Space Trust Committee shall hold public meetings, which public meetings shall be held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 104-6 et seq.), and the Committee shall give appropriate notification of said meetings.
- E. The Mayor if appointed as a member of the Committee or the senior most Councilmember on the Committee shall serve as Chairperson of the Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee, and the Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee shall select from among the six citizen members a Vice Chairman to serve as a presiding officer in the absence of the Chairman. The Township Clerk shall serve as the Secretary to the Committee whose function shall be to maintain minutes of the Committee's meeting and record of the proceedings of the Committee.