FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE & AGRICULTURAL ADISORY COMMISSIONS
MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2026

FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Beth Barry, at approximately 6:30 p.m. opened the meeting in accordance with the "Open Public Meeting Act" Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, having been electronically advertised on the municipal website and a copy posted in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Open Space Members Present: Ms. Barry, Mr. Banghart, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Herzer, Ms. Lorenc, Ms. Pyskaty (6) Present
ABSENT: Mr. Rymon (1) Absent

Agricultural Advisory Members Present: Ms. Butler, Mr. Banghart, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Santini
ABSENT: (0)

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSIONS:

Available seats on Open Space and Agriculture Commissions

Vacancies on both commissions for Alternate#1 position. Names of interest will be given to the mayor for appointment consideration.

Woodlands Preservation Program
Ag Chairperson Butler informed this program has the same criteria as the farmland and applicants deal directly with the State annually. This program is scheduled to come online at the SADC in 2027.

Open Space
Also, the commissions were informed of a vision of the township committee for the open space property located at the corner of Edison and Third Street for a walking path.

Mr. Gardner is seeing an increase in the preservation of farmland with the new statewide formula. The Land Conservancy recently sent a mailer out introducing the new formula that will be used to preserve farms in hopes more people will come forward and want to preserve. The next meeting will be scheduled for November 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments heard

ADJOURNMENT at approximately 6:47 P.M.
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion of Mr. Herzer, seconded by Ms. Butler, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Open Space/Ag Commissions