

TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM
MEETING OF THE BYRAM TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
10 Mansfield Drive, Stanhope NJ 07874
Monday, June 9, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

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The public will have an opportunity to comment at appropriate times during the meeting. The following is the agenda to the extent known:

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting has been electronically sent to the newspapers, posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building, and uploaded to Byram's website, www.byramtp.org not less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. In addition, a copy of this notice is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

- **ROLL CALL**

- **OS FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

1. Reserve for Open Space: \$333,917.74

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –April 14, 2025 Minutes

- **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Controlled Burn Application
2. Deer Hunting Parcel Allocation

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Trails Conference
2. Highlands Council Open Space and Recreation Plan

- **MEMBER REPORTS** – Reports from members on actions by their committees pertinent to OS.

- **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- **CLOSED SESSION**

- **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE COMMITTEE DEEMS NECESSARY**

- **ADJOURNMENT**

2025 Open Space Meeting Dates:

- July 14th
- August 11th
- September 8th
- October 13th
- November 10th
- December 8th

17-286-56-000-001 Reserve - Open Space

From 01/01/2025 to 05/23/2025

Date	Source	PO#	Contract#	Check #	Vendor #	Vendor/Description	Budget	Debit	Credit	PO Encumber	PO Payment	Balance (CR)
ACTIVITY/BALANCE (YEAR START)							-			60,836.61		401,202.63
01/01/2025	GJ 6					To adjust Open Space Debt Service for CY Allocation.		18,068.14				383,134.49
01/09/2025	DJ 21	29839		9799	3535	GRACIE & HARRIGAN CONSULTING F INV#36666 12/09/2024 - OPEN SPACE				(140.00)	140.00	383,134.49
01/09/2025	DJ 38	29889		9804	649	MEETING VIA ZOOM HAROLD E. PELLOW & ASSOCIATES, INV#81737 PROJECT MANAGEMENT				(2,905.50)	2,905.50	383,134.49
01/09/2025	DJ 39	29890		9804	649	HAROLD E. PELLOW & ASSOCIATES, INV#81738 PROJECT MANAGEMENT				(793.00)	793.00	383,134.49
01/09/2025	DJ 71	29832		9829	3809	SPARTAN AGGREGATES, LLC INV#0024867-IN DISPOSAL OF PLAYGROUND -				(99.00)	99.00	383,134.49
01/09/2025	DJ 71	29832		9829	3809	CLEAN CONCRETE 12" M SPARTAN AGGREGATES, LLC INV#0024974-IN DISPOSAL OF PLAYGROUND -				(248.60)	248.60	383,134.49
01/15/2025	ENC	29981				CONCRETE 12" MINUS 11/26/2024 - DISPOSAL OF PLAYGROUND MULCH				880.00		382,254.49
01/22/2025	DJ 100	29981		9848	2212	AG CHOICE, LLC INV#241129-27 11/26/2024 - DISPOSAL OF PLAYGROUND MULCH				(880.00)	880.00	382,254.49
01/30/2025	ENC	30131				DRAFT PLAN				232.00		382,022.49
01/30/2025	ENC	30132				TYPE CHANGE ORDERS				72.00		381,950.49
01/30/2025	ENC	30133				DAM INSPECTION				154.50		381,795.99
01/30/2025	ENC	30140				PREPARATION OF 2025-2029 COMMUNITY FORESTRY M				5,000.00		376,795.99
01/31/2025	RJ 451					January 2025 Interest			1,592.15			378,388.14
02/12/2025	ENC	30175				01/02/25-01/05/25 - 2025 OPEN SPACE MEETING D				14.94		378,373.20
02/19/2025	DJ 324	30175		9997	1166	NEW JERSEY HERALD, INC. INV#0006905757 01/02/25-01/05/25 - 2025 OPEN SPACE				(14.94)	14.94	378,373.20
02/19/2025	DJ 351	30131		10003	649	MEETING D HAROLD E. PELLOW & ASSOCIATES, INV#82221 DRAFT PLAN				(232.00)	232.00	378,373.20
02/19/2025	DJ 352	30132		10004	649	HAROLD E. PELLOW & ASSOCIATES, INV#82220 TYPE CHANGE ORDERS				(72.00)	72.00	378,373.20
02/19/2025	DJ 353	30133		10004	649	HAROLD E. PELLOW & ASSOCIATES, INV#82219 DAM INSPECTION				(154.50)	154.50	378,373.20

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02/26/2025	ENC	30237				TYPE/COPY REPORTS				196.00		378,177.20
02/26/2025	ENC	30240				PREP NJDEP REPORTS				159.00		378,018.20
02/28/2025	RJ 452					February 2025 Interest		1,435.59				379,453.79
03/05/2025	DJ 453	30237		10057	649	HAROLD E. PELLOW & ASSOCIATES, INV#82383 TYPE/COPY REPORTS				(196.00)	196.00	379,453.79
03/05/2025	DJ 456	30240		10057	649	HAROLD E. PELLOW & ASSOCIATES, INV#82391 PREP NJDEP REPORTS				(159.00)	159.00	379,453.79
03/12/2025	ENC	30314				TRAIL CONFERENCE SERVICES - APPROVED 02/18/20				13,000.00		366,453.79
03/31/2025	RJ 1405					March 2025 Interest		1,592.37				368,046.16
04/05/2025	ENC	30427				TYPE MEMO TO OFFICIAL				74.00		367,972.16
04/05/2025	ENC	30432				PREP NJDEP REPORTS				53.00		367,919.16
04/16/2025	DJ 809	30427		10258	649	HAROLD E. PELLOW & ASSOCIATES, INV#82670 TYPE MEMO TO OFFICIAL				(74.00)	74.00	367,919.16
04/16/2025	DJ 814	30432		10259	649	HAROLD E. PELLOW & ASSOCIATES, INV#82676 PREP NJDEP REPORTS				(53.00)	53.00	367,919.16
04/29/2025	ENC	29585				(Reduced) IMPROVEMENTS TO CO JOHNSON PARK FIE				(4.00)		367,923.16
04/30/2025	ENC	30530				ADA COMPLIANT ASPHALT PATH AT CO JOHNSON PARK				14,500.00		353,423.16
04/30/2025	ENC	30562				10/07/2024 - OPEN SPACE MEETING VIA ZOOM				630.00		352,793.16
04/30/2025	RJ 1406					April 2025 Interest		1,546.18				354,339.34
05/01/2025	ENC	30450				(Line Added) COMPLETELY INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND				600.25		353,739.09
05/07/2025	DJ 934	30562		10328	3535	GRACIE & HARRIGAN CONSULTING F INV#36658 10/07/2024 - OPEN SPACE MEETING VIA ZOOM				(630.00)	630.00	353,739.09
05/07/2025	DJ 963	30450		10347	1003	MEIER STONE CO INV#0002009-00 COMPLETELY INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND - 1"				(600.25)	600.25	353,739.09
05/07/2025	ENC	30450				RIVER BE (Line Added) COMPLETELY INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND				686.00		353,053.09
05/08/2025	ENC	30053				(Line Added) 2025 BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER				396.15		352,656.94
05/13/2025	ENC	30609				REMOVAL OF VARIOUS DEAD ASH TREES FROM TAMARA				18,500.00		334,156.94

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05/21/2025	DJ 1113	30053		10411	934	LOWE'S BUSINESS ACCOUNT INV#631372926 CIP - 6FT WOODEN PICNIC TABLE				(396.15)	396.15	334,156.94
05/21/2025	DJ 1125	30450		10416	1003	MEIER STONE CO INV#0001962-00 COMPLETELY INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND - 1" RIVER BE				(686.00)	686.00	334,156.94
05/21/2025	GJ 45					To reallocate charges due to change order - R #099-2025.		2,510.80				336,667.74
05/23/2025	ENC	30649				CIP - 4 HANDICAP PARKING SPACES W/2 GORES IN				2,750.00		333,917.74
							-	18,068.14	8,677.09	49,559.90	8,333.94	333,917.74
							-	18,068.14	8,677.09	110,396.51	8,333.94	333,917.74

OPEN SPACE MEETING – April 14 2025

Members Present: Mayor Rubenstein, Messrs. Sabatini, Duch, Bogardus, Dlugos, Morytko

Members Absent: Mr. Esposito

Also present: Secretary Caitlin Phillips

Mr. Morytko called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

OS Financial Status Report:

Reserve for OS- \$366,326.79

The group reviewed the report. Mayor Rubenstein noted the CO Johnson project is moving along.

Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2025 Minutes

Mr. Dlugos motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Sabatini. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Invasive Species

Mr. Morytko said they had a great meeting on site with the forester for the controlled burning conversation, and talked about public education. Mr. Dlugos said if they submit the application early, they can get the work done in late fall. Mr. Duch said they discussed invasive species, and he'd like to help the public see the before and after of the removal. They can put the group in contact with Mercer County, who does this often. Mr. Morytko said the weather is the biggest consideration to do this properly. Mr. Duch motioned to have Ms. Gracie prepare a draft of the application, seconded by Mr. Dlugos. Mr. Morytko said they can include a map. Mr. Sabatini said they should be conscious of notifying the public and make sure communication is set up. They had some concerns from the public about the quarry blasting. Mr. Duch said the Environmental Commission is monitoring the quarry work on a quarterly basis. Mr. Bogardus noted they have done Nixle alerts.

Mr. Dlugos said he met with Ms. Gracie at Glensie. She will have a conversation with Hudson Farms about invasive species. When visiting Glenside, they noted barberries, but not many, so it should be an easy removal.

Trails Conference Updates

Mr. Dlugos said they have workshops scheduled. They have one on 05/11, one about trail design on 06/07, and one for invasive species management on 06/22. Mr. Duch asked if this could be an opportunity for the Boy Scouts. Ms. Phillips noted Mr. Raffay, who was previously on the Open Space Committee, worked with the Boy Scouts. She will share his information with Messrs. Duch and Dlugos. Mr. Sabatini said they should share information about the project with Mr. Crosson to send out a Nixle notice.

Mr. Dlugos MyMap has been going well. He found that your location is visible in the event that you get lost. If they apply to the Trails Conference, they are required to appoint a supervisor of the Trails. He may volunteer for that if no one else is interested. He'd like to market this to adults with kids, to maybe have a junior trails program.

MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Rubenstein said the trails expansion was postponed until May 14th. He said the Council will be discussing the CO Johnson Park improvements at tomorrow's meeting. He wants to ask the Council to help with the fieldhouse renovation, football field lighting, announcer's stand, and the potential scoreboard. The group discussed what's needed for the scoreboard.

Mr. Duch said the Environmental Commission supports the Trails Conference work and the controlled burns. Mr. Dlugos said the Township website is updated with the Environmental Commission's mission statement.

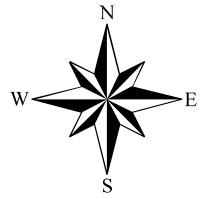
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No public was present.

ADJOURN – Motion by Mr. Duch, second by Mayor Rubenstein, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m. All members in favor. Motioned carried.

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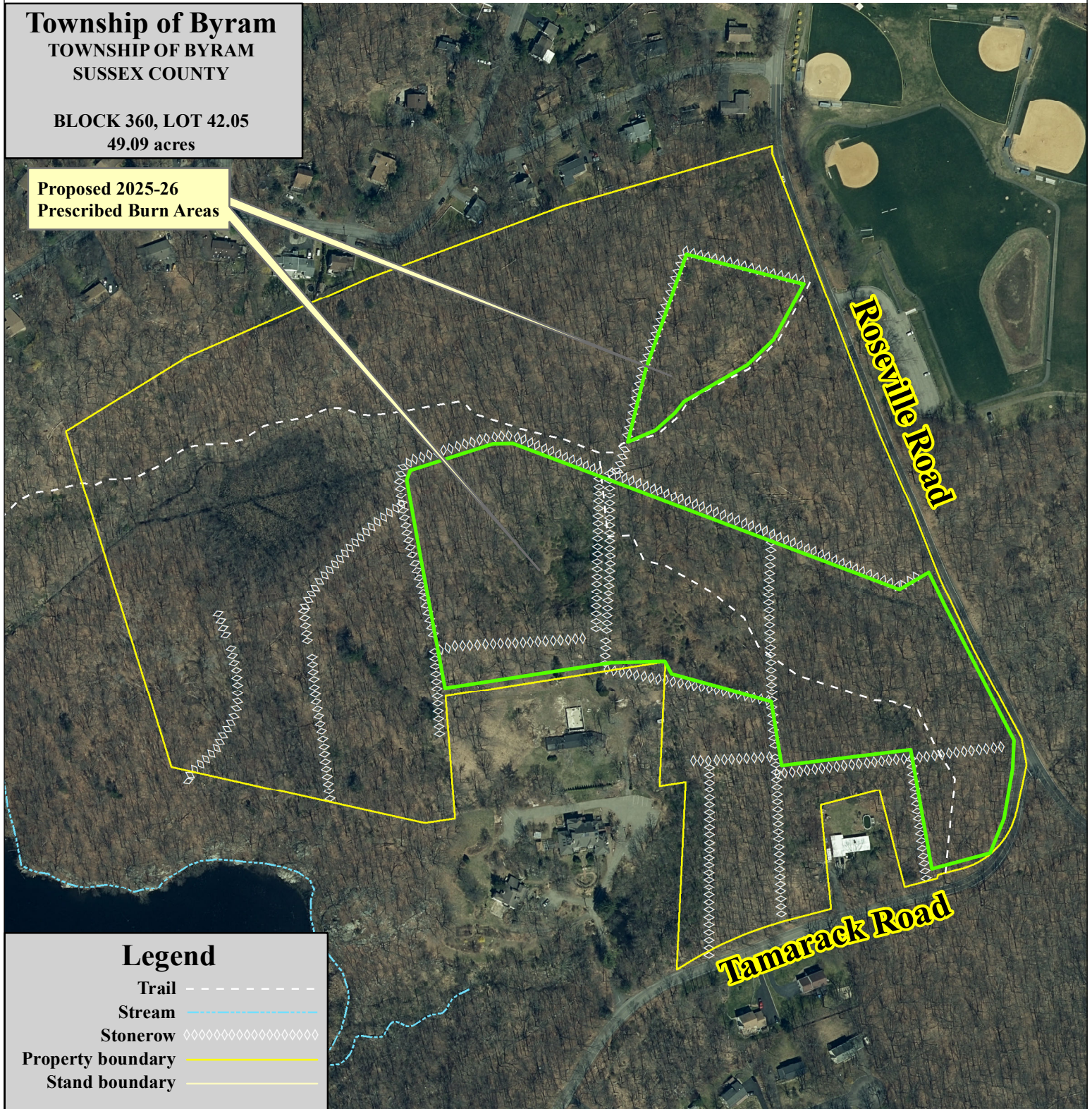
WOODLAND VEGETATION MAP



Township of Byram
TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM
SUSSEX COUNTY

BLOCK 360, LOT 42.05
49.09 acres

Proposed 2025-26
Prescribed Burn Areas



Legend

Trail ---
Stream ---
Stonerow ---
Property boundary ---
Stand boundary ---

1 inch = 300 feet

Property Location: Roseville Road and Tamarack Road

This map was developed using NJDEP GIS digital data, but this secondary product has not been verified by NJDEP and is not state-authorized. This is not a wetlands delineation.