## MINUTES OF THE NATURAL LANDS TRUST MEETING June 7, 2019 12:00 PM

## Petty's Island, Pennsauken, New Jersey

Chairman Catania called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM. A quorum of trustees was present. At least one of the trustees was a state governmental representative.

The Open Public Meetings Act notice was provided as follows: Notice of the date, time, location and agenda, to the extent known, was forwarded to three newspapers of general circulation, and provided to the Secretary of State in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. In addition, notice was provided on the Trust's website in compliance with the Act requiring State, regional, and local authorities, boards, and commissions to establish a website providing specific information to facilitate transparency in government.

In attendance were:
Michael Catania, Chairperson
Theresa Lettman, Trustee/SecretaryTreasurer
Judeth Yeany, DEP Trustee
Larry Torok, DEP Trustee
John Cecil, Trustee
Emile DeVito, Trustee

Matthew Rossi, Trustee representative for the State Treasurer Marlen Dooley, alternate for Ray Bukowski, Trustee representative for the DEP Commissioner Robert J. Cartica, Executive Director Martin Rapp, Trust Staff Cari Wild, Trust Staff

Absent were:

James Hall, Vice Chairperson Senator Bob Smith, State House Commission representative, Trustee Steve Eisenhauer, Trustee

General Public Comment: As the New Jersey Natural Lands Trust celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its authorization on January 23, 1969, many people joined us at this meeting and spoke about the Trust's accomplishments over the past 50 years and its significance as the only state agency focused on biodiversity. In addition to Chairman Catania, NJDEP Commissioner Catherine McCabe, Division of Parks & Forestry Director Olivia Glenn, former Trust Secretary/Treasurer David Moore and CITGO's Jack McCrossin were featured speakers at this event. As one of the founders of the Trust, Mr. Moore told the story behind the creation of the Trust for the group.

**Financial Report:** Mr. Cartica outlined the Financial Statements for the quarter ending March 31, 2019. Mr. DeVito motioned to approve the Financial Statements. Mr. Torok seconded the motion and the Financial Statements were unanimously approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

The March 22, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Cecil motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

## **New Business:**

Mr. Catania presented the **Resolutions thanking and recognizing Tom Gilmore and James Hall** for their many years of service to the Trust for approval. Ms. Yeany motioned for the resolutions to be approved. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion, and the resolutions were approved by a unanimous vote of 8 to 0.

The 2019 Board meeting dates for the remainder of 2019 are:

## September 27th, and December 13th, 2019

Ms. Lettman motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Mr. Cecil seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 PM by a unanimous vote of 8 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Lettman Secretary/Treasurer