CITY OF WARWICK



FRANK J. PICOZZI, MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Honorable Stephen P. McAllister, Council President Warwick City Council Members Lynn D'Abrosca, City Clerk
FROM:	Thomas Kravitz Planning Director
DATE:	October 20, 2023
SUBJECT:	Open Space Advisory Zone Change Recommendation Comprehensive Plan Implementation City-Wide/Multiple Locations (See attached List of Properties)
APPLICANT:	City of Warwick-Comprehensive Plan Implementation

At the regularly scheduled July 13, 2022 Planning Board meeting Mr. Flynn, seconded by Ms. Polselli, made a motion to grant a favorable advisory recommendation to the City Council for the requested Zone Change to Open Space, all in favor, none opposed.

The Board found the Zoning Amendment to be generally consistent with Article 1 "Purposes and General Statements of the <u>City's Development Review Regulations</u> and generally consistent with the <u>City of Warwick Comprehensive Plan 2033, as amended</u>, specifically, the proposed zoning change is consistent with:

Chapter 5 Parks, Open Space and Recreation, Goals & Policies, create a preserved and enhanced parks and open space system. Policy D, Pursue improved connectivity of open space land through the development of green corridors. Action 1, Identify potential land swaps for land contiguous to open space (p 5.19).

Chapter 12 Future land use, zoning and urban design. Consistent with Map 12.2 Future Zoning Change Areas (p 12.21). Goal 7 Warwick's environmental and open space networks are respected by new development.

Chapter 13 Stewardship & Implementation. Section A goals and policies. Update the City zoning ordinance to be compatible with the comprehensive plan, and;

Additionally, the proposed zoning amendments to open space are consistent with the and following purposes of zoning as presented in RIGL 45-24-30 and here forth described in Section 103 Purpose of Zoning for the City of Warwick.

- 103.2 Provides for a range of uses and intensities of use appropriate to the character of the city reflecting current and expected future needs,
- 103.5 Provide for the protection of the natural, historic, cultural and scenic character of the city: and,
- 103.6 Provide for the preservation and promotion of agricultural production, forest, silviculture, aquaculture, timber resources and open space,
- 103.11 Promote the implementation of the Warwick comprehensive community plan, as amended.