

BOROUGH OF KINNELON
OPEN SPACE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2011

The OSPAC Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM on December 14, 2011. Gene O. read the Sunshine Provision:

This meeting is held pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meeting act. Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the January 2, 2011 edition of the Trends and was provided to the Star Ledger, Daily Record and North Jersey Herald News on January 2, 2011. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the municipal building bulletin board, filed with the Borough clerk and provided to those persons or entities requesting notification.

Roll Call/In Attendance: Ron Mondello, Vanessa Smalley, Steven Pileggi, Gene Orcutt, Glenn Sisco & Mayor Collins

Absent: Steve Cobell, Amanda Hagl, Carol Sventy, Carol Vreeland & Lucy Meyer

Hearing from the Public: None present

Council Committee Report – Ron Mondello

- Tax Lien Properties - Council members went out to look at properties on December 10th and took pictures of properties that they have interest in.
- An estimated balance in the Open Space Trust Fund is about \$1,250,000. There should be about \$600,000 left in the Green Acres planning incentive grants since we have not dedicated those funds as of yet.

Land Conservancy of NJ Report – Linda Glosinski

- Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant program applications are due in by 2/15/12. The funding is going to be very competitive this time. The borough should be considering which properties we may be interested in acquiring. TLC can put a letter together and highlight the fact that we closed on the Weber property and try to identify some potential future acquisitions. If the Borough completes application for a specific property they can opt out and changed to another property. More than 1 property can be identified for the grant.
- National Recreation Trail's Program – TLC notified the Borough that there is approximately 1 million dollars that will be distributed state wide to update existing trails. Deadline for application is 2/15/12. Depending on what the Borough wanted to proceed on there will be engineering costs. All this information will need to be gathered to be submitted for the grant.
- Weber reimbursement – Linda was hand delivered the information from the Borough and she sent it to Green Acres. Green Acres was waiting for the recorded deed and title insurance policy from the attorney's office. They are going to review and start the process on the reimbursement.
- Greenway Maps – As per Kathleen- they are working with GIS department to determine the trails inventory of existing trails as mapped by the NYNJ trails conference. They are not going to include any of the trails from Smoke Rise as it is not open to the public.
- Also working with the Morris county parks commission to sort out which county owned parcels are considered as preserved open space and plans for those county lands indicated as undeveloped park land.

- Reviewing parcel mapping to assess possible areas for a dog park, community garden and additional trails activity.
- Totowa Constructors – met with the representative and their engineer. They are putting together information to help demonstrate that more than one lot is potential for pre highlands regulations.
- Sustainable New Jersey – There is a 2,000 grant available and the Stonybrook School Garden project that Amanda H. was working on over the summer is being considered. The applicant has to be the school itself. The school will apply and the supporting committee will be the Sustainable committee

Old Business:

- Property prioritization and/or acquisitions. How can Open Space committee help? Members of council did go look at properties and waiting to hear from Steve on his report.
- Mayor Collins mentioned a piece of property (old camp) on Brook Valley Rd that there has been talks about doing a joint application through the county open space with Montville.
- Review / Approve meeting minutes for November 9, 2011
Approved by Glenn Sisco & seconded by Steve Pileggi
All in favor – None opposed

New Business:

- Carol S. was approached by Steve Spinelli about forming a committee for a Dog Park. She told him that he would have to create a business plan and present it to the council.
- High School Guidance Counselor, Meredith Charles, is looking for projects around town for the students to get involved in. Groups like Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, & Environmental Club.
- Chairman and Vice Chairman nominations are going to need to be filled and voted on for the January 2012 meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 7:30 PM

Motion to Adjourn: at 8:10 pm, a motion from Ron M. to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Gene O. All in favor.

At the January 11, 2012 OSAC Meeting, the meeting minutes for December 14, 2011 were approved by a motion made by Steve Pileggi & seconded by Vanessa Smalley, All in favor – None opposed