

BOROUGH OF KINNELON
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2016

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:35pm)

Roll Call: Attending: Councilwoman C. Sventy, T. Kline, T. Roselius, G. Sisco, G. Warren, Environmental Committee Liaison S. Simptner and Land Conservancy Liaison L. Glosinski

Hearing from the Public-None present.

Review/approve meeting minutes for September 14, 2016-minutes were approved with motion from G. Sisco, 2nd by G. Warren, S. Simptner abstained and the unanimous voice vote of all those present.

Council Liaison Report- C. Sventy reported: Meetings for 2017--continue meeting on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm from January through December. Community Garden-still looking for a site. Board of Ed re: DEP-no news yet regarding application for artificial turf; meeting on October 18th, on ballot as well.

Land Conservancy of NJ Report-Linda Glosinski

Town Wide Trail Plan-T. Kline asked re: Maple Lake dilemmas; it was agreed to ask Russ Nee from Morris County Park Commission ("MCPC") to come to November meeting as well as having L. Glosinski come as well.

NJDEP Recreation Trail Grant -Possible location behind municipal building extending to Silas Condict Park.

Notifications will go out end of December, project can begin in the spring. Timing optimistic. Grants are competitive. Project looks good for approval as no tree removal involved or anything else that could be an issue.

Green Acres Planning Incentive Fund – Hopefully will hear soon regarding use of corporate tax. Balance \$634,030.82. Timing will work due to Kinnelon Community Center project.

Kinnelon Community Center – Need HPA approval; engineer working on it and Green Acres is aware. Signed off on environmental report; survey will be reviewed. HPA is requiring forestry and mitigation plan: back part of property remains as forested; front to be developed. Looking for property that is high forest integrity-not preserved that will be preserved. Possibility is Bandanco Property-TPL is lead on grants; MCPC will make awards shortly. Highlands open space property is also under review. MCPC and MUA put funding toward that.

Community Garden-No sites that will work-timing running out on grant. T. Kline attending county Open Space meeting on 10/25 focusing on open grants; C. Sventy to attend as well. TPL will be taking lead on presentation that night.

Old Business

Maple Lake-waiting for them to do something.

New Pond – homeowner's assn. voted to disband but not enough for a quorum—will try to carry to next meeting. L. Glosinski followed up with DEP and has digital survey approved by Green Acres on new pond property.

Town Wide Trail Plan – T. Kline asked for joint meeting with Environmental Commission, wants some volunteers to get mapping for where trails should go-talk about it at next month's meeting. Create a park on Maple Lake Road and connect it to trail in Silas? Brook is in the way, maybe put a bridge up? Morris County Open Space Trail Fund now allows grants for trail grant construction but require engineering sign-off.

L'Ecole Restoration Status- Tom Kline

Applied and received a grant for \$150,000 in 2015 and \$115,000 in 2016 for roof and siding. Match of \$52,000 for total of \$317,000 available for project. Low bid was \$254,000-mayor and council should award that bid at 10/20 meeting. County would not fund handicap accessible walkway and bid at \$25,000 was too high. Architect recommended that particular portion of bid be scrapped and re-bid at another time.

Dog Park – Bottom line-can't cut down more than ¼ acre of trees. Looking at basketball court area behind municipal building and less than ¼ acre behind it-maybe at next meeting can discuss costs. Would have to remove asphalt and huge rocks. No land acquisition cost. Parking/bathrooms already in place. Will be expensive.

New Business- Environmental Commission expressed interest in joint meeting with OSC for next month's meeting; they will be invited, meeting will be in recreation conference room.

Closed Session: Land Acquisitions on east side of town, property that may be potentially placed on the ROCI

-Motion to go into closed session, time: 8:32pm: G. Sisco, second: S. Simptner, all in favor, none opposed

-T. Kline or T. Roselius asked for a motion to go back in to open session; Time: 9:10pm

-Motion: G. Sisco, second S. Simptner, all in favor none opposed

-Recommendation in closed session to consider 8 lots in Smoke Rise not be used for open space or recreational purposes and to have legal review.

-Motion G. Sisco, 2nd G. Warren, all in favor none opposed

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 – 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor Borough Hall

Adjournment: Time 9:15pm, Motion: G. Sisco, second S. Simptner, all in favor none opposed