

BOROUGH OF KINNELON
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2017

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:34pm)

Roll Call: Attending: T. Kline, T. Roselius, Council Liaison G. Sisco, S. Spinelli, P. Reddy, G. Warren, L. Abderhalden, Environmental Committee Liaison S. Simptner

Absent: Mayor R. Collins

Annual Reorganization Meeting-Nominated for Chairman: Tom Kline-approved; motion by T. Roselius, seconded by S. Spinelli, all in favor, none opposed. Nominated for Vice Chairman: Tammi Roselius-approved; motion by S. Spinelli, seconded by S. Simptner, all in favor, none opposed. Nominated for Secretary: Laura Gakos-approved; motion by T. Roselius, seconded by G. Warren, all in favor, none opposed.

Hearing from the Public-None present.

Review/approve meeting minutes for December 14, 2016-minutes were approved; motion by T. Roselius; seconded by L. Abderhalden and the unanimous voice vote of all those present.

Council Liaison Report-Glenn Sisco: Nothing to report on ongoing acquisitions.

Discussion at January meeting/workshop-Tom Kline: Application due by 2/15 to apply to Green Acres for a pig grant; was submitted at Mayor and Council meeting in January. Green Acres has balance of \$634,000, which can be used to pay one half of the appraised amount of any property that is purchased by Open Space. Councilwoman Carol Sventy brought the application to the Mayor and Council meeting where it was approved.

L'Ecole Restoration Status- Tom Kline: 1) Waiting for legal documents from the borough attorneys to get a payment bond to the contractor so he can get his building permits and start the work. Should be ready for the council workshop meeting on February 9th. Contractor has 140 days with weather allowance to complete contract once they receive their permit. 2) The Preservation Plan laid out a three-phase plan, first working on the porch and second restoring the remainder of the exterior. The third phase of the Preservation Plan will cost approx. \$300,000 and deals with interior issues-HVAC and mechanicals, as well as handi-cap accessible issues with doorways, bathroom and driveway. County will fund 80% of any grant application. They require an exterior Landscape Plan that needs to be completed by a certified Historical Landscape Architect. At the Historical Commission meeting on February 14th it will be discussed if they will be proceeding this year with the grant application for a historical landscape plan and/or an application to prepare contract documents and bidding specifications. If so, will make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council. Will cost @\$25,000-30,000 for the architect to come up with contract documents and bidding specifications. Cannot get the third phase funded until this is done; therefore, not until the 2018 round. The County believes they have funded over \$450,000 (80%) for Phases 1 and 2; Historical will have put in @\$90,000 once Phase II is completed. Letter of intent to apply for grant is due by February 28th; full grant application by March 31st.

Old Business:

Maple Lake - Nothing new to report.

New Pond - Soft costs of \$20,000 to close on property; would be adding approx. 110 acres to be divided into four separate lots. Homeowner's association finally received the majority vote to transfer the property to the town. Remediation of dam costs at approx. \$50,000. Property survey done at approx. \$15,000; town needs environmental assessment report which is in process; cost included in soft cost amount. Stakes in corners. Saturday project-pile rocks over stakes so kids don't play with them. No grants will cover this.

Town Wide Trail Plan-Took another hike in snowy conditions up to top of Buck Mountain (second highest peak in Kinnelon at 1130') to check out trail. Would like to try again once snow disappears. Another hike: Mountain Road to New Pond as that is the trail the dam remediation has to take. Third hike: Fayson Lake section-borough owns ten acre lot that is land-locked by the apple orchard.

Dog Park -Nothing new to report. Any land available near Kinnelon Community Center (KCC)? Check with Linda next month.

Bandanco Acquisition -Linda put in a grant for NJDEP trail grant for a trail from the parking lot in the back of building to Bear Mountain trail in Silas Condict Park; anticipating spring notifications. Open Space currently has \$1,300,000 in account.

KCC-The HPA is underway and the town has received conceptual approval for using the Bandanco property on Denise Drive as forest mitigation to develop a football field and a community center. Have to cut down approx. 5 acres of trees. Highlands Act says in order to cut down the trees, to mitigate the forest destruction, certain requirements must be met, which can be done three ways: Preserve, Plant or Pay. There are 46 acres on Denise Drive and 114 acres on Saw Mill Road. Properties total approx. \$2,500,000. There is approx. \$100,000 from Open Space, \$300,000 from MUA, \$1,700,000 from the County and waiting to hear about an application for a Highlands grant of \$300,000. The Denise Drive property is closing in March. Need Denise Drive property to mitigate the forest on the Boonton Avenue property. Closing on Saw Mill Road property will be after the Highlands grant is announced. The Trust for Public Land ("TPL") also submitted a grant to the Open Space Institute to help make up the shortfall for the Morris County request.

Morris County Park Commission: Nothing new to report.

New Business for January:

- Prepare annual statement to schools: Lauren wrote up statement to be put in school newspaper and Pranav will have announcements made on the weekly show at school. Will try to have a student come to next meeting to film (without audio).
- Re-prioritize Open Space acquisitions: Hold off til next month; need to re-assess how many more available properties there are and how much more are needed.

Closed Session: Purpose of closed session: to discuss open space land acquisitions which are confidential.

- Motion to go into closed session, time: 8:45pm: S. Simptner, second P. Reddy, all in favor, none opposed.
- Motion to go back to open session, time: 9:05pm: S. Simptner, second G. Warren, all in favor, one opposed.

Open Session:

Discussion in closed session regarding acquisition of the Bandanco property with our partner TPL. Motion made to ask Council to increase our funding share from \$100,000 to \$150,000 with matching MUA funds. Motion by T. Roselius, second G. Sisco, all in favor, none opposed.

Revaluation-Tom Kline: Open Space receives ½ cent on every tax dollar. With new revaluation, revenues could go up considerably. Need to advise the Council that Open Space needs to continue to receive the ½ cent in order to qualify for planning incentive grants.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 – 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor Borough Hall

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

At the March 8, 2017 meeting, on a motion by Glenn Sisco, and seconded by Scot Simptner, and the affirmative voice vote of all members present, the February 8, 2017 minutes were approved.