

Kinnelon Open Space Advisory Committee
January 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Bob Collins, Carol Vreeland, Lucy Meyer, Carol Sventy, Jeff Derwin, Absent: Gene Orcutt, MLC Representative, Matt Dank Invited Guest: none present

Called to Order: 7:10pm

Published Meeting notice – Sunshine Provision

Public Session:

- Public Present: none present
- Approval of all 2007 Minutes – approved with changes Jeff Derwin & Carol Vreeland

Committee Report:

- Bob Collins: Mayor & Council acknowledged all volunteers at reorganization meeting, congratulated Carol V on reappointment,
- MLC up for rehire by the Boro, Bob has asked Matt to evaluate & report on what accomplishments the MLC achieved for the Boro in 2007, Bob will then present this to the Mayor and Council to see if there is interest in retaining them for 2008. Great funding partner, Mtn top largest contribution MLC has ever made for a single parcel. Matt is still with us, and plans to be for a while.
- Highlands Master Plan – comment must be submitted by Feb 28th to the website www.highlands.state.nj.us
- Finally received executed copy of the application submitted to the Morris Cty Trust, Bob will make copies for each of us so that we can identify and improve the application if we do re-submit in July of 2008
- Weber Tract: letter from DEP to Boro indicating two pre highlands appraisals, the 1st one was \$3.2 million and the 2nd was \$4, which is consistent with the application, original sale price was \$3.3 million.
 - Bob spoke with David Epstein to get his perspective on status of Weber tract and higher counter offer from Roseland a few months ago, Bob feels this is inconsistent with the fact that the property can't be developed so the willingness of the seller is a bit of a hang up, Roseland has defaulted on the mortgage, Weber's are attempting to foreclose, Weber's are very willing sellers, so if foreclosure were to go through then we would be in direct contact and negotiation with them. So David is once again trying to get Roseland back to the table
 - Current list of donations for Weber was passed out & shows balance of \$3,625. Result of small mailing to parts of Kinnelon by citizen's committee. Bob: Boro cannot get involved in fundraising; there must be a clear line of distinction. He will mention the interest shown by the donors (see attached list) to the Mayor & Council.
 - Regarding the Brochure, there is no return of any funds if acquisition is not successful. MLC keeps the money for other acquisition projects within the Kinnelon area.
 - Boro OS fund currently has 375,000 and grows on a quarterly basis as it continues to grow, it offers greater flexibility.
 - Regarding Carol V's question regarding Council would be supportive / not supportive it would be helpful if this committee would appear before the council

during a work session to discuss and educate the members in total on the attributes and why this committee's work is something that needs to be taken notice of.

- Lucy: what is really important is not only getting people to go to the council meetings but getting them to testify
- Dam situation needs to be remediated or the property needs to be subdivided. Lucy: how was it breached, was it too old and just sprung a leak? Bob - because of liability associated with repairing the dam, Lucy said that State usually sends a letter to anyone with a dam on their property

Interruption – Councilman Jim Freda stopped in and asked speak with Bob Collins for a few minutes

- Property Prioritization – need to look at current inventory to see if there are any other possible parcels
- Review the criteria – address Lucy's concerns re: steep slopes – some of the steep slopes listed on the Weber Tract are not actually on the Weber Tract. Such as the steep slopes from the pipeline down to the river, information on applications must be truthful
- Carol V.: Ross Kushner has certified the Brown Trout through the Fish & Wildlife and will get a copy of the certification to Carol V. Lucy: is it on the endangered list? Yes, and stream is Category 1. They may get a classification as a type of water but not a classification for an endangered species. Ross also has maps for forest ranking.
- Jeff D: we should create written presentations for each council member so that they could have a printed version of what each of us would be speaking to them about. Regarding 34 acres, we mailed information to each freeholder and to any one of influence
- Highlands Act Regulations – many things are loosened up and changed, they have created existing community zones, Ross is campaigning to get these zones removed, meeting slated for 2/5 or 2/6.
- New H.S. appointment – considering a Junior and a Senior for continuity.
- Next meeting
 - Application
 - Lucy said she was particularly bothered with the inaccuracy of the Mo. Cty trust application and said that we have to do our homework
 - Prioritization
 - Bob will ask if MLC will update OS Map now Lam is closed
 - Bob thinks that a vice-chairperson would be a good idea for our committee since occasionally he has meeting conflicts. He will check with our Boro attorney first.
 - Carol S. suggested that we set up a sub-committee to review the 1-3-5 action plan of the Open Space & Recreation Plan in order to make editions/corrections and 'break in' new High School committee members.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:03pm Lucy Meyer / Jeff Derwin

Minutes approved on May 14, 2008: 1st: Carol Vreeland / 2nd: Bob Collins
Submitted by: Carol Sventy, April 15, 2008