

Borough of Kinnelon
Open Space Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2008

Attendance: Bob Collins, Jeff Derwin, Carol Vreeland, Lucy Meyer, Gene Orcutt, Carol Sventy, Matt Dank (MLC); Absent: None; Invited Guest: None

Called to order, Sunshine act read, roll call.

Public Session

- Public: None Present

Public Session Closed

Committee Report: Bob Collins

- MLC Report – Matt Dank:
 - Weber Tract is moving forward, Matt spoke to Liz Weber (daughter of Rose Weber, the people who actually own the property), Weber's have not foreclosed yet, waiting for DEP to give them the green light, till then, they can't officially own the property, Weber's should foreclosing soon and then they are able to negotiate.
 - Last year's appraisals of the property need to be updated, saying that the property is the same as it was one year ago. Green Acres has awarded some money for this.
 - MLC is constructing financial plan in house to be discussed in more detail at our next meeting.
 - Month of May is the time to begin work on the county. Deadline is July 29th. What we need is a contract, it is key, Barbara Davis is speaking with Frank Pinto at the county ... the word is that they are more than happy to help us with this project, but that we need a contract. This is what hurt us last year because two parties owned the property, so it couldn't be negotiated, it was premature. Now that this is resolved, our chances are better. Many other towns are not applying this year, so there should be plenty of money available. (Partners: Green Acres, the Boro, the county, possibly the MLC & the MUC). Is the price about the same? A little less than 3 million. Lucy: a negotiating tactic could be the capital gains the Weber's incurred.
 - What about submitting an application to Green Acres? Matt thought the next round of funding would be in June? Kinnelon has approx. 600,000 in Green Acres trust, according to David Epstein, we don't want to entirely deplete this fund and we don't want the Boro to use too much of their own money either, there is other money out there such as from MLC, MUA, County, Green Acres, and a token amount from the Boro.
 - Bob reminded Matt that the committee wanted to take a closer look at the application before it was submitted to help make it a stronger application: for accuracy & content, and have our committee present to the Council at a work session
 - Who will maintain the property once it is acquired? This is one of the issues. The Park Commission was not willing due to the dam; this could change when the dam is resolved. If the dam is

breached, would the MCPC be more likely to become a partner?

- Per Matt Rogers: Roseland properties will repair the dam to DEP certification.
 - What is Roseland's motivation to fix the dam? This was a result of an original agreement between Roseland Properties and the Weber's.
 - Remediation or Reconstruction? Fixing the dam to where it is functioning dam.
 - Wouldn't this create a problem with future maintenance? Matt will ask the attorney (Matt Rogers) if it would be better to breach the dam, Lucy said that one reason they may not want to breach the dam would be if there were fish.
- Kohler Pond
 - Major subdivision has been approved, surveying to take place in the few months, anticipated closing in August 15, 2008
- McKelvie Tract: 2-Acre Parcel
 - Donate to Boro by family
 - Bridges the Piccone Tract & Pyramid Mtn area
- King Tract
 - Matt has had a chance to review this file and will reach out to this contact and have more to report at the next meeting.
- Meeting Minutes
 - Carol S. distributed copies of January and March 2008 to committee members to be reviewed and approved at the April meeting, once approved, Carol Sventy will hand the January, March and April 2008 Meeting Minutes over to Beth Sebrowski, Kinnelon Boro Clerk.
- Discussion regarding rehire of MLC
 - Council informed of committees 100% approval of rehire of MLC
 - Their ability to gather partners and funding, and a half match of funding from Green Acres
 - MLC instrumental in helping to acquire small grants for groups like Save 34 Acres so that they could print brochures, postage & to run a campaign for Open Space
- Bob requested that MLC update our maps both in the Open Space & Recreation Plan and the large Open Space Map for display so that we could continue with the property prioritization
- Summary of the Highlands Act
 - Matt will prepare something for our next meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05pm (Jeff Derwin, Carol Vreeland)

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