

**Borough of Kinnelon
Open Space Public Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for November 11, 2009**

The meeting was called to order on November 11, 2009 at 7:10pm, Carol Sventy read the Sunshine Provision. In attendance: Bob Collins, Jeff Derwin, Amanda Hagl, Karimah Munem, Gene Orcutt, Carol Sventy, Carol Vreeland Absent: Mary Fisher, Lucy Meyer Guests: Matt Dank (Land Conservancy of New Jersey)

Public Session

- None Present
- Public Session Closed

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the September 9, 2009 meeting were handed out. It was decided to table the approval of these minutes until the January 2010 meeting so that the committee members would have a chance to review them.

Council Committee Report: Councilman Bob Collins

- Morris County Preservation land Trust committee made recommendations to freeholders and \$14.4 million in grants was approved to preserve another 2000 acres in Morris County. To date approximately 22,000 acres have been preserved since the program was started. Some interesting proposals are the River Walk on Route 23 in Pequannock, the Canal Society of Morris County in Lake Hopatcong wants to preserve a section of the canal between the lake & the mill areas, major projects include the preserving of the Headwaters of the Raritan River. Only one project out of a total of 18 was turned down.
- At the next Council Meeting, the Council will consider the adoption of an ordinance to facilitate the purchase of the Weber Tract; the public will have an opportunity to speak. They will also consider the hiring of certain professionals to facilitate survey the property and title work.
- Suggested that at the next meeting the committee consider the frequency of meetings, election of chairperson and vice chairperson and the committee's objectives moving forward.
- Green Acres continued funding looks good, but the NJ State Assembly is not obligated to fund Green Acres. They control the purse strings and they could partially fund or not fund at all given the current economic situation. Suggested that we revisit Green Acres and County grants that we may be eligible for.
- Bob was appointed to the Morris County Community Revenue Sharing Committee. This committee approves block grants for affordable housing as well as for preserving historical sites as well.

Land Conservancy of New Jersey Report: Matt Dank

- Working to collect & review proposals for survey & title work on the Weber Tract.
- Presented a draft of an updated open space map of Kinnelon. Does not include Weber Tract or the 1200 acre tract behind the Borough Hall.
- Suggested that we spend down some of the Green Acres money we've received. Mentioned that the Federal Government put about 4 million into the DEP's Forest Legacy Program (approx. 800-1000 acres covering 3 counties was approved at \$4.2 million).
- Mentioned that 5 other municipalities have now added HS students to their committees since their meeting attendance was low and they felt that adding HS students as we did would be very beneficial to their committee and their community.

New Business

- Bob said that the idea of a Community Garden was well received by the Council. Many other surrounding communities have gardens. Location, water source and adequate

parking are primary concerns. There has been conversation regarding artificial turf behind the Boro Hall on the athletic field & upgrade this to a multipurpose field. This could actually help with the community garden. There is adequate parking, we could get DEP to run a water line, but at least the process is started. Bob will talk with the Boro Engineer and see what else needs to be considered. Carol S. mentioned that in the info she had found on the internet that perhaps insurance also needed to be considered. Matt will speak to Montville's Assistant Manager and see what their community had to do.

- Carol V. asked about the artificial turf and if it was more or less environmentally friendly, Bob replied that it is more porous and that many of the chemicals have been removed, but that as far as the 'give' of the surface and injuries to children using the turf is about the same.

Move To of Closed Session

A motion from Gene Orcutt to move to closed session was seconded by Carol Vreeland

Move Out of Closed Session

A motion from Carol Vreeland to move out of closed session was seconded by Gene Orcutt

New Business

- Open Space Citizens Committee 2010 Officer elections – Carol S. asked all committee members to consider this for the January meeting.
- 2010 Meeting schedule – committee decided that 2010 meetings would be the 2nd Wednesday of January, April, May, June, September, October, and November.
- Next Meeting: January 13, 2010, 7pm, Borough Hall

Meeting Adjourned: At approximately 8:20pm a motion from Carol Vreeland to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Jeff Derwin.

At the April 14, 2010 OSPAC committee meeting, the minutes for November 11, 2009 were approved on a motion made by Bob Collins and seconded by Amanda Hagl, all present were in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Sventy.