

**BOROUGH OF KINNELON**  
**OPEN SPACE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2010**

The OSPAC Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm on June 9, 2010. Carol S. read the Sunshine Provision:

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of New Jersey of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was given by publishing a notice of this meeting in the January 6, 2010 edition of the Trends. This notice was also sent to the Star Ledger and North Jersey Herald News and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board

Roll Call/In Attendance: Bob Collins, Amanda Hagl, Mary Fisher, Karimah Munem, Gene Orcutt, Carol Sventy, Carol Vreeland and Matt Dank. Absent: Jeff Derwin & Lucy Meyer

**Hearing from the Public:** No public present

**Review / approve meeting minutes:**

- The minutes for the April 14, 2010 meeting were approved with some changes by a motion from Carol Vreeland and seconded by Amanda Hagl. All in favor. None opposed.

**Council Committee Report – Bob Collins**

- By October/November the committee will need to make a recommendation as to which council member would be the council representative between the Open Space Public Advisory Committee and the Mayor & Council.
- Regarding a Community Garden – He drives past one everyday and was very impressed with the set up of a particular garden, with deer fencing and paver stones that branched out to other parts of the garden. He would like to sit down with an architect/engineer to come up with a design for our community gardens when we are ready.

Bob reported that at the last council work session, another council member recommended that a referendum be added to the November ballot regarding the Open Space municipal tax. It was recommended that the Open Space Recreation fund be expanded to include the maintenance of lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes and allow the borough to charge salaries and wages against the tax. The OSPAC Committee agreed that this would be a misuse and a misinterpretation as to what the voters originally agreed to, and as to how this money would be used when they voted in favor of the Open Space tax. If this is introduced and passed by the council, our committee will want to be at the public meeting in July to voice our concerns. Kinnelon's Open Space Trust fund should not be amended to allow the tax collected to be used to maintain lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes. Recommended that committee rally the public to leave fund as intended.

**Land Conservancy of NJ Report – Matt Dank**

- Green Acres round on 7/31/10 – He can take a first crack at it then can send to Carol and Bob to distribute to group and make any amendments to it. They don't have a lot of the money so the money they do have will go toward park development. Should probably run around \$150,000 with the money going towards the Weber tract it shouldn't be a problem
- Weber tract – The Preliminary Assessment Report – it's a very large report to get through and the report is at the Weber's attorneys. They are going to clean up the property. It was one of the contingencies. The survey needs to be re-done to remove the Butler piece. The park commission has signed the partnership agreement and the MUA has prepared their agreement. A final title report has to be done and once the survey is finalized with the fixed mapping, then the new drafting of the new deeds can be completed. Everything should be closed in about a month.

## Old Business:

- Community Garden – Bob spoke about a community garden he saw in Parsippany. He would like to speak with engineers to see if we could come up with a similar idea. Carol V. spoke about a garden in Denville and West Milford that was nicely designed for additional ideas. Also spoke about how deer fencing would be needed & could come out of the Open Space funds.
- Amanda Doremus was interested in doing a Community/Butterfly Garden at the museum but was told by Carol Keyser that she could do a small garden but there is not enough room for what Amanda needed to do for her Gold Star project. Carol S. was going to suggest the areas around the library and Borough Hall as another Gold Star Project.
- Amanda H. and Karimah are currently on the Social Outreach committee at the High School and they are currently looking for projects. They heard that the museum may need to be restored and are very interested in working on this historical project. Carol V. had read that the museum is looking for a historical grant and suggested speaking with Mayor Sisco about the history of the museum. Tom Kline works on the historical commission. Bob will speak to him and get detail of what is needed.
- Medication Drop off Centers – Chilton Hosp. – Carol Vreeland spoke with Chilton and they have their own waste guidelines that they follow so they were no help to us. She also called the NJDEP and spoke with several people. Currently waiting for return call. Bob suggested contacting a county official and asking them for contacts

## New Business

- Gene brought in a year-end report from Denville that had a page dedicated to all their Open Space transactions and how they acquired the property and their intentions for the properties. He thought it was very informative and lets the public know what is going on.
- Carol Vreeland also suggested becoming familiar with a website: [www.sustainableJersey.com](http://www.sustainableJersey.com). This website is designed to teach how to get grants for your town. Points are given for different projects completed within the municipality, both past and present. Points acquired may be eligible & used toward different grant applications. Different committees (council, Board of Ed., High School, etc) can all join forces on this by setting goals as a community. It requires a resolution from the council which is on the Sustainable NJ website. Many projects are available, which could earn points for Kinnelon from past completed projects.
- Carol S suggested a Dog Park. It is permissible and within the guidelines of the OS Resolution to use open space for a project like this.
- Mary F. is working on her Gold award for Girl Scouts. She was approved for an Animal Care and Adoption project for Girl Scouts.

**Adjournment** at 8:11 pm, on a motion from Gene Orcutt to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Carol Vreeland.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at 7:00pm

At the Sept 15, 2010 OSPAC committee meeting, the minutes for June 9, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, all present were in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Benway, OSPAC Recording Secretary