

BOROUGH OF KINNELON
OPEN SPACE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2011

The OSPAC Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on January, 12, 2011. Carol S. read the Sunshine Provision:

This meeting is held pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meeting act. Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the January 2, 2011 edition of the Trends and was provided to the Star Ledger, Daily Record and North Jersey Herald News on January 2, 2011. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the municipal building bulletin board, filed with the Borough clerk and provided to those persons or entities requesting notification.

Roll Call/In Attendance: Amanda Hagl, Mary Fisher, Karimah Munem, Gene Orcutt,, Carol Sventy & Carol Vreeland

Absent: Lucy Meyer & Jeff Derwin

Welcome new Council Representative – Steve Cobell

Welcome new Land Conservancy Representative – Linda Gloshinski

Hearing from the Public: None in attendance

Land Conservancy of NJ Report – Linda Gloshinski

- Weber tract summary – there was a meeting on 1/6/11 where as the sub division lot line adjustment was approved. We do not have the updated maps at this time.
- Bob had some updates from the planning board as well stating that there were 3 homes off Maple Lake Road that shared a driveway. The Webers approached the owners regarding the encroachments and they came up with a solution to have the shared driveway between the 3 owners. One of the properties located on Block 11, Lot 81.04 had a structure on it and they came up with a triangle piece so that they were able to keep the structure on the property. The planning board has recognized that the funding was about to expired so they are working on the presentation of the draft deeds with the corrected lot lines. Bob spoke to the Morris County Land Preservation trust officials at the county level and they said that they are concerned about permanent structures and the lot line adjustments. They are coordinating with the park commission since they will be taking about 50 acres at the time of closing to expand Silas Condict Park. Tentative closing date is around the 10th of March. Council needs to discuss which Attorney is going to take care of the closing.
- There were 3 property owners with encroachment issues that still need to be resolved with the Weber's attorneys. The surveyor is going to have to go out one more time to make sure that everything has been addressed for the Green Acres requirements. One of the comments from Green Acres was the lawn encroachments and fencing on the property. Green Acres had a suggestion to place stakes along the property line so that the current property owner will no longer disturb the property any longer. Linda said if they could set a goal to have a revised survey sent down to Green acres by the end of February you would still be able to meet the deadline for the funding.
- Linda needs a copy of the Certificate for PAR. Green Acres approved it on 7/6/10 and sent a certification that need to be signed and sent back. She needs a copy for their files.
- Boonton Avenue properties – owner by Totowa Construction. One is located at Boonton Avenue & Highlands (6.07 Acres), the other is Boonton Avenue & Twin Lakes (.75 acres) the current owner of Twin Lakes property is thinking of gifting it to the Boro for educational purposes.
- Carol V. stated that the 6.07 Highlands property is very wet and wanted to know if it is considered wetlands. The mapping shows that it is a C1 waterway. The parcel is previously cleared and disturbed. They were thinking that the point of entry would be off Highlands. There is still a lot of things to be considered before this piece can be acquired. The KCG needs present the Council with their business plan.
- Linda said that they were going to have the appraisals done showing the cost to Green Acre standards and non Green Acre standards. The Green Acre funding can be re allocated. She also was asking what the ordinances were for supplying water to the property.

Old Business

- Review / Approve meeting minutes for September 15, 2010 Approved by Gene Orcutt & seconded by Carol Vreeland All in favor – None opposed
- Review / Approve meeting minutes for October 13, 2010 Approved by Gene Orcutt & seconded by Amanda Hagl All in favor – None opposed
- **Correction from November 2010 notes – we have about 1.3 million in the open space account, 400,000 are dedicated to the sale of the Weber leaving the account with about 900,000 in it.**
- 2011 Meeting Schedule was handed out – there are meetings scheduled every month for 2011

New Business

- Carol Vreeland has an idea for a project for the high school students to have a vegetable garden on school grounds that would be tended by the student to grow vegetables that the cafeteria would then serve for lunch. By doing this the Borough can earn credits at Sustainable Jersey to apply for grants. Amanda felt that this project may have more interest at the middle school or elementary school levels. Carol V. reminded the committee about the double fencing recommended by Gene that would keep the deer out and unable to get into the gardens and she also wanted to suggest that idea to the KCG. Amanda asked if they could get credits for landscaping as well and suggested maybe landscaping around the new patio at the school.
- Carol V. said the Open Space fund is vulnerable and feels the committee should prioritize and/or have a plan or wish list. She feels LeCole museum, trails & kiosks are what she would like to see considered. She would like to look into grants for trails.
- Linda said she would speak to Barbara regarding the trails inventory. The current plan is from 2005 and is in need of updates. Regards to trails ANJEC does give out grants for trails. They can re-do the Open Space plan and include a trails plan in that and the Land Conservancy could write the grant for free as part of the updating.
- Carol V. feels that KCG should look into different grants to help them with the purchase of the parcels in question. She does not think it should all come out of open space funding. She would like to prioritize funds for recreation and other open space acquisitions. She would like to spread it around as seed money. Linda said they could look into Green Acres funding for the community garden projects.
- Amanda feels that the open space funds could be used to help the KCG acquire the land then they should find their own way to fund the maintenance on the gardens. She thinks that other projects requiring maintenance will then start to ask if they could use open space funds for their maintenance needs.
- Steve feels that the budgets are going to be stressed this year for the Borough considering some property value decreasing. Health insurance increases for the Borough.
- Steve asked Linda is she knew if the Borough was going to be reimbursed for the taxes paid on the property after the closing of the Weber tract. Linda is going to check on it for Steve.

OSPAC Committee Members

- Jeff Derwin has resigned his seat on the Open Space committee
- Nominations for Chair & Vice Chair of the Open Space Committee
Chairperson Nomination:
Carol Sventy nominated by Gene Orcutt and seconded by Karimah Munem. All in favor – none opposed.
Vice Chairperson Nomination:
Gene Orcutt nominated by Carol Vreeland and seconded by Amanda Hagl All in favor – none opposed
- Suggestions for new committee members: Tom Kline, Denise DeBernardi, Glenn Sisco & Eric Nederfield - Need 1 to fill Jeff's spot and possibly Carol Sventy's spot.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment: at 8:15, a motion from Carol Vreeland to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Gene Orcutt

At the March 9, 2011 OSPAC Meeting, the meeting minutes for January 12, 2010 were approved by a motion made by Carol Vreeland & seconded by Steve Cobell All in favor – None opposed