

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

The OSPAC Meeting was called to order at 7:33 on October 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, Gene Orcutt, Glenn Sisco, Carol Sventy, Mayor Collins & Ron Mondello

Absent: Steve Cobell, Carol Vreeland & Lucy Meyer

Guests in Attendance: Galina Adair & Steve Roberts from Kinnelon Community Gardens

Hearing from the Public:

- This is Mayor Collins last year serving on the Morris County Open Space Preservation Trust Fund. He would like to encourage the Council to work with the Open Space Committee to come up with an active recreation plan and apply for a grant from the county.
- The KCG came with the 1st draft of their business plan. They have put a committee together to apply for non-profit status so that they can apply for grant to help start up the garden and community building.
- Asked Open Space Committee to review the business plan and make suggestions to omit or add anything.
 - CSA Model (Community Supported Agricultural) - a member can sign up with another member that has purchased an agricultural plot; help with the gardening and in return vegetables can be purchased for personal use or the vegetables / proceeds can be donated to local food bank etc.
 - Gene O. questioned where the water would be coming from for the garden.
 - Galina spoke about having different seminars/classes about gardening.
 - Partnering with different organizations and teaching classes.
 - Should be able to get 200 boxes (10 X 10 size) on 1 acre of land. \$50.00 per box annually.

Status: Update of Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Plan

- Get on the bus tour was on September 17th, 2011. Amanda and Gene both attended from the Open Space Committee.
- Feedback from public was it was a little long (5 hours) but very informative.
- Looking into parcel on Boonton Ave that is owned by church for potential community garden or active recreation field. No room for parking. It is mostly forested in a preservation area so it limits what can be done.

- Andy S. noted that we need better marking for trails and should take offer from Land Conservancy to get GPS units and finish the trail maps. Get scouts to help out and make trail maps available in town hall.
- Drafts of Open Space Map and Preserved Land Maps from Planning Board meeting on Oct. 6 were available for review. Carol S. marked out specific properties on the maps.
- Trails – Mountain Top in Smoke Rise have signs stating that they are not being controlled by the County and that hikers may get lost.
- Amanda suggested putting in a mountain bike trail when planning out the hiking trails.
- Kohler – 30 Acres of property between Rockaway & Boonton Twp. PSE & G offered to create a parking facility on the Boonton Twp. section.

Council Committee Report – Ron Mondello

- On Friday, Oct. 14th, members of the Council will be looking at the different parcels around town that have Title Tax Liens on them.

Land Conservancy of NJ Report – Linda Glosinski

- Weber reimbursement – working with the Borough to get all the paperwork together. Still need the final title policy from the Borough.
- Totowa Constructors Inc. – Appraisals were certified through Green Acres. Owners think that land is worth more than it was appraised for. Appraisal was the same for both pre and post Highlands.
- Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant program will be announced shortly. The borough should be considering whether or not they will be requesting additional funds for lands that they wish to acquire for conservation or recreational purposes. If previous funds are not used in 3 years such funds will be reprogrammed. .

Old Business:

- Sustainable New Jersey – Carol V. has full access to website. May receive points for project that Amanda worked on at Stonybrook School.
- Gene O. & Carol S. have interviewed 5 high school candidates and handed out summaries of the interviews.
 - Motion to nominate Vanessa Smalley & Steven Pileggi as the new members of the OSPAC Approved by Gene Orcutt & seconded by Glenn Sisco All in favor – None opposed
 - Vanessa Smalley and Steve Pileggi will be sworn in at the next Council meeting to be held on Thursday, October 20, 2011
 - Letters of resignation from Karimah Munem & Mary Fisher were accepted by the Council.
- K –Fest was held on October 2nd and was well received. They will be looking to do it every year.
- Review / Approve meeting minutes for August 10, 2011: Approved by Gene Orcutt & seconded by Glenn Sisco. All in favor – None oppose

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 7:30 PM

Motion to Adjourn: at 8:45 pm, a motion from Gene O. to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Glenn Sisco. All in favor.

At the November 9, 2011 OSAC Meeting, the meeting minutes for October 12,, 2011 were approved by a motion made by Gene Orcutt & seconded by Amanda Hagl. Carol Vreeland, Steve Cobell and Steven Pileggi abstained. All in favor, none opposed