

BOROUGH OF KINNELON
OPEN SPACE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2011

The OSPAC Meeting was called to order at 7:26 pm on April 13, 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: Steve Cobell, Karimah Munem, Glenn Sisco, Carol Sventy & Carol Vreeland
Absent: Amanda Hagl, Mary Fisher, Gene Orcutt & Lucy Meyer

Old Business

Council Committee Report – Steve Cobell

- Is proceeding with getting more information on the tax title liens that the borough currently has on some properties in town. They are going to discuss some of the properties at the council workshop as to which ones they may want to further their investigating on possible foreclosures.
- Steve also mentioned that the properties in question have been on the tax lien for a long time and no one wanted to buy the tax sale certificate on. They are mostly small lots that are not buildable.
- Once a property has been acquired Steve was suggesting that a committee be formed including several different people from the different committees (i.e. – open space, environmental, historical, recreation) so they can come up with ideas for its use.
- Hopefully looking to foreclose on something by the end of the summer

Land Conservancy of NJ Report – Linda Glosinski

- Reminded Steve C. that the Land Conservancy has a new service in their contract regarding searching the tax title lien properties that they are looking at to see if there are any environmental issues before they proceed with the foreclosure on it.
- Borough Council did approve the Open Space plans. The grant was submitted to ANJEC and they should here back about it by Memorial Day.
- Application due date for Open Space grants is June 24, 2011. If the Borough was thinking of doing any applications it would have to be in the works about now.
- Weber Tract - Surveys were reviewed by Green Acres and we returned with comments. They have been revised and the surveyors are finalizing everything. Attorneys need to set up a closing date.
- Had a pre-appraisal meeting for the property located on Highland & Boonton Avenue and the property across the street owned by Totowa Construction. They are going to appraise both properties on one report but separately. The report will be done to Green Acre standards so if we decide to go for further funding everything will be done.
- The owner of the property was present at the meeting. He had a lot of perc information and results of a wetlands study that was already done on the property. The smaller piece across the street did not show any wetlands but there is a ditch in the middle.
- Should have appraisal results back with in 2 -3 weeks. Owner of that property did say he was interested in gifting the smaller piece of property to the town.
- The Wheelers property – last contact in their database showed 2007.
- Carol V. asked if the C1 waterway was an issue for the property located on Boonton Ave. as far as Green Acres was concerned. Linda said that the C1 waterway would have the 300 ft buffer which would be factored into the price. The soil is very hard so it would be better to have raised beds for the gardens. Carol V. asked how many plots could fit on this property. Once the appraisal comes back they would have a better idea of the size they are looking at.
- Carol S. passed around an article that was written by Mayor Bob Collins on the Weber Tract that was informing everyone as to what was going on with it and how close they were to closing on the property. Carol V. said that the article was very well received by everyone she spoke to.
- The entire Open Space committee also wanted to Congratulate Mayor Collins on his appointment of Chairperson of the Morris County Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Committee.

Old Business:

- Amanda Hagl, with the help of the HS Social Outreach Club is having a fundraiser on Fri., April 29th, at Applebee's to raise funds to for the Stonybrook School garden. Amanda H. had an information table at the Earth Day fair where she raised almost \$100.00 for the garden.
- Review / Approve meeting minutes for March 9, 2011. Approved by Carol Vreeland & seconded by Karimah Munem. All in favor – None opposed
- Clarification on prior minutes from March 9, 2011 meeting. Under old business: Carol S. remembered a piece of property (3 Saw Mill Rd) that Tom Kline had suggested that had a lake and lots of land on top of a mountain. If we are looking to bring industry to Kinnelon maybe make recreation our industry.
Correction – meaning to make any available property and lakes available to Kinnelon residents only. More fields for our recreational use and lakes for those who are not members of lake community in Kinnelon. (i.e. Smoke Rise or Fayson Lakes)

New Business:

- Land Conservancy is having a Morris County Green Table Forum on Tues, April 19th.
- Historic Preservation program at Monmouth University on June 3rd from 8am – 7pm.
- In the Butler Electric bills this month there was flyer included with information for the Butler Recreation summer program. Kinnelon residents don't need to receive this but maybe they could include a flyer for the Kinnelon Recreation summer program next time for the Kinnelon residents.
- There are 2 seniors student this year that will be leaving the committee due to graduation & college. Committee feels they should have another essay contests to fill the 2 positions. Form a sub committee to review essays to choose the new members. Looking for (1) sophomore & (1) junior.
- Carol V. reminded the committee that they need to come up with a prioritization list of all the projects that are looking for help from the Open Space Committee. So that they can get applications together.
- Carol S. is going to put together a list of all the properties that are being considered. The process will run as it did a few years ago with a rating scale by numbers. The properties in question are: L'Ecole Museum, trails & kiosks, recreational fields, Boonton Ave building (furnace building) & KCG. She will work on it and email it to the members on the committee
- As of now (April) KCG has no applications in and may not reach the deadline by 6/24/11.
- Historical Committee – Tom Kline put together an application that Bob C. had hand delivered to the county. Council will decide if they could use Open Space funds to fund a historical project. (to fix the porch)
- L'Ecole Museum got its Historical designation.
- Andy SanFilippo wanted to ask Open Space if it would allow the Recreation to have estimated \$15,000.00 to topsoil & seed the new space where the roller rink once was. Plans to use the new field for lacrosse & football. The attorney has to let the council know if it is something that can come out of the Open Space Funding. Also, if the cost exceeds \$17,500.00 it must go out for bid process.

Hearing from the Public:

- Mayor Collins wanted to thank Linda Glosinski and Matt Dank for all their hard work they did on the Weber tract project.
- Mayor Collins also wanted the committee to know that the County completed the trails on the land property. They did an incredible job on the way they laid out the trails.
- Mayor Collins also wanted to thank Mayor Sisco for the tons of hours he put in on the Highlands Preservation plans. We are 98% within the Highlands preservation area. He went through the borough parcel by parcel.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment: at 8:31, a motion from Glenn Sisco to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Carol Vreeland. All in favor.

At the May 11, 2011 OSPAC Meeting, the meeting minutes for April 13, 2011 were approved by a motion made by Carol Vreeland & seconded by Mary Fisher. All in favor – None opposed