

BOROUGH OF KINNELON
OPEN SPACE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2011

The OSPAC Meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm on June 8, 2011. Carol S. read the Open Public Meeting Statement:

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, Amanda Hagl, Mary Fisher, Gene Orcutt, Glenn Sisco, Carol Sventy & Carol Vreeland Absent: Karimah Munem & Lucy Meyer

Council Committee Report – Steve Cobell

- Continuing to work on the list of property foreclosures. Land Conservancy & Borough Attorney will take a look at properties & advise on any DEP database information.

Land Conservancy of NJ Report – Linda Glosinski

- Weber Tract closed today. 62 acres of the property was transferred to the Morris County Parks Commission. Borough now owns 100 acres.
- There will be a press release prepared with quotes from Mayor Collins, Morris County Parks Commission, and Morris County Freeholders. Invites will go out soon for the celebration at the end of the June.
- Totowa Constructors property appraisals were finalized. Smaller lot appraised for \$20,000 and the larger lot (6 acres) appraised for \$175,000. There is a cleared area on the property that KCG “may” be eligible for a “wetland transition area” waiver, but since there isn’t a concept plan or design, the property will have to be reviewed with the proposed concept plan with respect to Highlands , Flood Hazard Riparian and Freshwater Wetland regulations before this determination can be made. Members of the KCG have also been reminded about certain concerns such as (1) the design of the garden and number of plots available, (2) whether it would affect the buffer area close to the C1 stream, (3) how the garden would look between seasons, (4) cost of the plots and selling of the produce. KCG has also been reminded that the Open Space Fund can not be their only source of funding.
- The OSPAC applied for a matching grant to ANJEC for \$7,000 to update the Open Space Plan and we were awarded the grant. Once the plan is complete we submit everything to ANJEC and they will refund the Borough

Old Business:

Project Prioritizations:

- Tom gave tour of the L'Ecole Museum and the things that need to be repaired. Tom will make a presentation to the Morris County Preservation Trust Committee later this month and they will make their decision (recommendations). Once the Freeholders approve the request, then it should go through pretty quickly.
- Meanwhile, Tom & L'Ecole would like to ask the OS Trust fund for \$15,000 – \$20,000 immediately, in order to repair the front porch. Currently is it structurally unsound and poses a safety hazard. Then a three year plan to restore L'Ecole as follows:
 - 2011 the preservation plan approx \$30,000 +/-

- 2012 the contracting & bidding documents approx \$10,000 – \$15,000 +/-
- 2013 the actual construction approx. \$200,000 - \$300,000 +/-

Each year above to be funded –

- 80% grant money from Morris County Historical Preservation Trust Committee
- 20% funded through the Open Space Trust Fund
 - ❖ Tom Kline said that an assessment report had been done at L'Ecole in 1999 & again in 2005 - recommendations were made for siding, new roof, drainage, windows, heat & electric. County Grant money could not be given at that time unless L'Ecole was listed as a historic site by the State of NJ.
 - ❖ A motion to accept Tom Kline's proposal for the immediate request for \$15,000 - \$20,000 to repaired the front porch of L'Ecole Museum & to approve the three year plan up to the maximum amount and not to exceed was made by Gene Orcutt and seconded by Glenn Sisco. All in favor. None opposed.
- Resurfacing the tennis courts came in below the previously approved amount. The total was \$3,490.00. Kinnelon DPW power washed the courts instead of paying another company or purchasing the equipment thus saving the Borough \$1,300.00.

New High School Committee Members –

- We have received (4) essays from interested students. Looking for (1) Sophomore and (1) Junior; preferably. Would like to fill position by the end of July. Committee members read over the 4 interested applicants. Mary & Amanda will speak to some students at school that they think may be interested on serving on the committee.

Review / Approve meeting minutes for May 11, 2011

- On a motion made by Carol Vreeland & seconded by Glenn Sisco the minutes were approved. All in favor – None opposed. Steve Cobell abstained as he was not present at the May 2011 meeting.

Other Business:

- Kinnelon High School Environmental Club & Kinnelon Environmental Commission also participated at the Earth Day fair.

New Business:

- A suggestion was made for an accounting of what is currently in Kinnelon's OS Trust fund so that a budget can be created in order to make the best use of this fund. It was also suggested that this accounting be made available to the OSPAC each quarter. The accounting should show tax payer \$\$, Green Acres / Planning Incentive grants (PIG), tennis court resurfacing, Weber Tract, and perhaps initial costs of L'Ecole porch reconstruction.
 - Steve C. will contact the Borough's CFO for this information
 - Linda G. will request balances on the Green Acres PI account.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 7:30 pm

Motion to Adjourn: at 8:45 pm, a motion from Glenn Sisco to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Gene Orcutt. All in favor. None opposed.

At the July 13, 2011 OSPAC Meeting, the meeting minutes for June 8, 2011 were approved by a motion made by Glenn Sisco & seconded by Gene Orcutt. All in favor, none opposed