

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

The OSPAC Meeting was called to order at 7:49pm on July 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, Amanda Hagl, Gene Orcutt, Glenn Sisco & Carol Sventy
Absent: Mary Fisher, Karimah Munem, Carol Vreeland & Lucy Meyer

Council Committee Report – Steve Cobell

- Steve handed out the status of the funds in the Open Space Trust Account. The tax levy has not been approved as of yet. Balance as of 7/12/2011 - \$722,546.23 plus another \$300,000 from the Green Acres PI Grant.
- Land Conservancy is still working on the list of foreclosures list and will advise as to which properties are worth looking at. Council & Mark Madaio, Borough Attorney may take tour of properties of interest.

Land Conservancy of NJ Report – Linda Glosinski

- Has been working on the foreclosure list and will make a spread sheet of all properties for Steve & the Council to review.
- **Totowa Constructors: Appraisals of Boonton Avenue properties.** The owner had questioned the value, indicating it was lower than anticipated. LG discussed the pre-highlands value and indicated that since there were no approved subdivision plans, Green Acres would view it as one lot in appraising the pre-highlands/hypothetical value. The appraisal indicated that due to physical limitations of the property, the pre-highland and post highland values were the same.
- Open Space Plan Update – Barbara from Land Conservancy will pursue in August after the Land Conservancy & ANJEC contracts are signed.
- Open Space committee should familiarize themselves with the Open Space plan so they are ready when the updates are being discussed.

Old Business:

- L'Ecole received the grant they applied for in the amount of \$25,200.00 for the historical study.
- Tom Kline will be meeting with the historical architect to go over the restoration of the porch. The plan is to have the porch completed before the first snowfall.
- Tom has also suggested the acquisition of parcels on South Glen Road (2 – 2 acres lots). They are very wet. May want to speak to Morris County Parks Commission about what & if they were interested in these properties as a connecting parcel. Also the Badaan property (mountain top piece) located off of Boonton Ave and the Waughau Mountain greenway for future land preservation projects.

- New High School Committee Members – Received 2 new essays from interested high school students making the total number received 6. Carol S. will speak with Dr. Merklung (HS Principal) and or Mrs. Charles (HS Guidance Counselor) this week and get contact information of the candidates for the nominating committee.
 - Gene & Carol V. will coordinate the individual interviews of all the candidates and report back to the committee at the August meeting, so the committee will make a final decision and recommendations for the Mayor and Council.
- Review / Approve meeting minutes for June 8 ,2011- Approved by Glenn Sisco & seconded by Gene Orcutt - All in favor – None opposed

New Business:

- Green Acres 50th Anniversary – Received email from Theresa Edmond from North Jersey Media asking if we were having a 50th Green Acres Anniversary Celebration. The town has no plans to have a celebration at this time. We just acknowledged the Weber Tract acquisition and Green Acres representative was there. We will wait until the new Open Space Plans are done and send Theresa an email of the updates.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 10th, 2011 at 7:30 pm

Motion to Adjourn: at 8:53 pm, a motion from Glenn Sisco to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Gene Orcutt. All in favor.

At the August 10, 2011 OSPAC Meeting, the meeting minutes for July 13, 2011 were approved by a motion made by Gene Orcutt & seconded by Amanda Hagl. All in favor, none opposed