

**BOROUGH OF KINNELON  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 10, 2015**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm and the Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read by Chairperson Tom Kline.

Present were: Council Liaison: Carol Sventy, Glenn Sisco, Keith Wiedemann, Tamara Roselius, Robert Lewis, Tom Kline and Mayor Collins (Ex Officio) Absent were: Gene Orcutt, Michael Prapopulos and Pranav Reddy

1. Hearing from the Public – none present
2. Review / approve meeting minutes for March 11, 2015. The minutes for the OSAC March 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Glenn Sisco and seconded by Tammy Roselius, all in favor, none were opposed.
  - Chairperson Kline noted that due to not having a secretary, the minutes for April 2015 and June 2015 will be presented to the committee for review prior to the July 2015 meeting.
3. Council Report – Carol Sventy
  - The new Boro website is expected to launch in July, also said that email accounts for OSAC and all Boro committee members had been delayed until the Boro's annual budget had been passed. The Borough Council is expected to pass the Municipal Budget at their regular meeting next week. She also emailed to all committee members an updated report from ANJEC titled: "Open Space is a Good Investment" and suggested that all committee members read it. Additionally, as part of the preparation for the new website a roster of committee members was passed around and all were asked to confirm / correct their contact information.
    - i. OEM Rpt – Mayor Collins: had been approached by Mr. Palatucci about the possibility of grants that were available for dam remediation
      1. New Pond Dam – Privately owned, concerned about public safety. Chairman Kline offered that Smoke Rise had no objection a few years ago in regards to accessing the dam from their side of the property.
      2. Lake Reality Dam remediation – still pending, deadline August 2015 to submit to NJDEP.
  - Artificial turf - Also reported that Highlands had approved the application and that currently the BOE is awaiting approval of permits from NJDEP, which will take no less than 90 days, while both Boro & BOE are waiting they will 'get their ducks in a row' by working to finalize a draft of the field use agreement that will become part of the lease agreement between both the Boro & the BOE. There is nothing in the field use agreement as regards maintenance of the artificial turf field. Her concern is that there is no cost analysis or budget going forward with this project, the only thing she has seen in the way of number was in an email from Maser Engineers and when this was reviewed by the Boro Engineer, it was felt that the contingency fee was far too low and should be around 15%-20%, not 8%, that Boro Eng. was concerned about the soil removal and a few other things.
  - Finally, new HS members are needed to replace both Michael P. and Keith W. since they are both seniors ... would like to keep the continuity of having 3 students (sophomore, junior & senior).

4. Land Conservancy of NJ Report – Linda Gloshinski
  - Federal Trail Grant Update – provided a copy of the trail grant that was submitted, we are still awaiting approval on this grant, additionally the committee of two people assigned to review applications has been reduced to one person, and therefore there is nothing much to report at this time.
  - Totowa Parcel – Boro’s work is done, waiting for owner to updating corporate papers and while the dry well has been properly closed, the papers have to be submitted, once all is in order, it will be just a few weeks to closing.
  - Weber Dam – Council & committee both feel that the dam should remain breached, so long as there is a way to cross the stream so as to provide trail access
5. L’Ecole Restoration Status –Tom Kline
  - Phase I Status – completed, change order on Council consent agenda for next week for a credit of approximately \$2,000.
  - Phase II Grant Application – County visited L’Ecole for phase II grant funding – request was for \$339,400, Boro’s portion would be 20% or \$70,000+/-, \$270,000 from county. When Morris County did field research, they basically said they have 46 requests, or triple the requests requests for the amount of money they had to grant and asked if we would consider bifurcating the project. Tom K. and Architect met and came up with a bifurcated plan A) \$169,00 to replace roof, gutters, drainage etc, and plan B) \$170, 000 for the remainder of phase II to complete the siding, handicap access, walkways, and the outhouse. The Freeholders will make their decision on June 24<sup>th</sup> as to whether or not they will fund all, some or none of the project.
  - Old Business
    - i. Town Wide Trail Plan – Nothing to discuss at this time
6. Begin Closed Session – Time into Closed: 7:57pm. Motion made by Carol Sventy / 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Glenn Sisco all in favor / none opposed
  - Land Acquisition Discussion – three different parcels that will remain undisclosed for the time being
7. End Closed Session – Time out of Closed: 8:14pm Motions made by Carol Sventy and Glenn Sisco, all in favor / none opposed
8. New Business
  - How re-evaluation effects the OSR fund – essentially when the tax rate is struck based on boro expenses divided into amount of revenue available - right now tax rate is \$303. OS fund is dedicated as a fixed amount (One 1/2 cent per 100 of assessed value) so if the total valuation rate goes up does that have the effect of increasing the amount of funds that go into the open space trust fund. Currently about 70% under value – we might be able to see an increase of about 20% to the Open Space fund as a result of the re-valuation.
9. Meeting Adjourned at 8:17pm on a motion by Tammy Roselius and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenn Sisco all in favor/none opposed

*At the July 8, 2015, OSAC meeting, on a motion made by Glenn Sisco and seconded by Tammy Roselius, the June 10, 2015 meeting minutes were approved. All in favor-none opposed.*