

BOROUGH OF KINNELON
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2017

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:30pm)

Roll Call: Attending: Mayor R. Collins, Council Liaison G. Sisco, T. Kline, T. Roselius, S. Spinelli, R. Roy, L. Abderhalden, G. Warren, Environmental Committee Liaison S. Simptner

Absent: P. Reddy, Land Conservancy Liaison L. Glosinski

Hearing from the Public-None present.

Review/approve meeting minutes-Minutes for June 14, 2017 were approved; motion by S. Simptner, seconded by R. Roy, Mayor R. Collins abstained; all in favor, none opposed.

Council Liaison Report-G. Sisco: Nothing new to report.

L'Ecole Restoration Status-Tom Kline: 1) At the construction meeting earlier today it was advised that the project will be done by the end of the month; next meeting 7/26 for developing punch list items. 2) Change orders: drainage pipe has to be swapped out for schedule 40 pvc, need to get water away from building and into brook. 3) Freeholders are deciding on grant application tonight; will find out decision tomorrow.

Old Business:

Maple Lake - Nothing new to report.

New Pond - There are encroachment issues on the larger property and Thomas Drive has a title issue; Tom Kline will speak to the attorney for the Thomas Drive property.

Town Wide Trail Plan - Nothing new to report.

Dog Park - Took a field trip to KRP-space is quite occupied. Only unused area is committed to the Kinneelon Community Center ("KCC") project. Will re-visit basketball court area behind municipal building.

Badanco Acquisition - Acquisition is done. Need policy or signage from Mayor/Council regarding use of Untermeyer Lake-apparently already being used by kayakers and boaters. The borough acquired it for passive recreation, not active. There is access through 2 gates on the properties. The County has retained the trail easements but the borough owns the property. Need to speak to Linda about the Denise Drive parcel to determine what specifically the property can be used for.

Girl Scout project - Lauren Abderhalden: On hold; time frame too short. Looking for another idea.

Info from Linda - 1) No news about the trail grant. 2) Green Acres has added \$180,000 to our account. If the borough buys a piece of property that meets Green Acres' criteria, 50% of the money can be used. 3) Current Open Space funds total over one million dollars.

New Business:

-Reprioritize Open Space acquisitions. Last time this was done, the Committee ranked the open spaces-Tom thinks this process should be repeated. To be discussed at August meeting.

-Continuing Open Space Site Visits. Will wait until the fall to schedule hikes.

-Mayor R. Collins received notification today that the Board of Ed received approval from the DEP for an artificial turf permit. The permit is good for 5 years; they have until 2022 to start the project. The Board of Ed will need to find private funding to finance the project. He also stated that Open Space funds will be used to develop the KCC. Also hoping for approval from the DEP for KCC within the next two months. Highlands wants the Concept Plan to include plantings that will be used on the property-they prefer native plants.

Closed Session:

-Motion to go into closed session, time: 7:55pm: G. Sisco, second R. Roy, all in favor, none opposed.

-Motion to go back to open session, time: 8:03pm: G. Sisco, second G. Warren, all in favor, none opposed.

-T. Kline suggested Charlotte Wheeler be appointed to the Committee and P. Reddy resign (leaving for college).

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 – 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor Borough Hall

Adjournment: Time 8:05 pm, Motion: S. Simptner, second R. Roy, all in favor, none opposed.

At the August 9, 2017 meeting, on a motion by Bob Roy, and seconded by Tami Roselius, and the affirmative voice vote of all members present, the July 12, 2017 minutes were approved.

Hawa G. Fox