

**FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP
FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
JOINT MEETING**

Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Schaffer, at 7:37 pm.

Announcement of Proper Notice

Notice of this meeting was provided by posting notice at the Township Municipal Building in Johnsonburg, and advertising in the New Jersey Herald and Express Times, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. As advertised, action may be taken at this meeting.

Attendance

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlie Schaffer	Robin Randolph	Dave Cross
Rich Dericks	Bob Young	Chris Kuhn
Alan DeCarolis	Wendy Buttgereit	Rick Rogers

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Boynton II	Nancy Nicholoff	Dan Carson
Cliff Kimball		

TLC MEMBERS

Greg Collins

Minutes

Alan DeCarolis made a motion to approve the revised January 4, 2012 Open Space minutes, seconded by Wendy Buttgereit, all in favor - aye.

Alan DeCarolis made a motion to approve the January 4, 2012 Farmland Preservation minutes, seconded by Chris Kuhn, all in favor - aye.

Public Comment

- Frank Desiderio was in the audience. Spoke of the new property and the signs that need to be posted on the boundaries of the property. Asked for input on what should be on those signs - the wording. Ms. Randolph stated that Recreation is in charge of that but did suggest that if cost was per letter than something like "FFP". "Green Acres" and "Forest Preserve" were also mentioned. Mr. Desiderio will get in contact with Green Acres and see if they have signs for sale. Rick Rogers asked if these signs were to keep people off the property. Ms. Randolph clarified that they were to mark the boundaries of the property perimeter. Per Ms. Randolph, Nancy Nicholoff is looking into finding little metal signs and is going to reach out to Bob Canace. Mr. Desiderio will get in touch with Ms. Nicholoff for the information she has on signs. Mr. Schaffer asked how many signs would be needed and Mr. DeCarolis stated that signs would be

needed for every 50 feet. Chris Kuhn asked how we get the money for the signs on state preserved land.

- Mr. Desiderio will check with the DOT on whether the Route 94 opening is a legal opening and if it is allowed to be used. Mr. DeCarolis inquired if there could be a turnaround for parking on Lincoln Laurel road. Mr. Desiderio will find out what the state wants. Ms. Randolph inquired if the chains were still up and Mr. Desiderio said there is a tree across the road at this time.
- Mr. Desiderio spoke with Mr. Kimball regarding expenditures that will be taken out of the fund for signs and also spoke of field preparation expenses which should be approximately \$18,000. Those expenses will include ball field prep, mulch for the playground and 20 tons of lime.
- Mr. DeCarolis asked the Committee how the name Frelinghuysen Forest Preserve was created and asked if it could be changed. Ms. Randolph discussed how OS and TLC needed to choose a name for the Grant application. She will reach out to Green Acres to see if it could be changed.

Old Business

- Trust fund balance: \$203,094.95. Ms. Randolph is gathering cancelled checks to send to Green Acres to get reimbursements for soft costs.
- OS PIG request letter to Green Acres - Greg Collins, from TLC, wrote the letter and it was sent to the Township Committee.

New Business

- May 2, 2012 will be the next joint meeting at 7:30 pm.
- Mr. Schaffer thanked the township for the dinner and said it was a nice gesture.
- Mr. DeCarolis asked how many acres have been preserved through farmland preservation. Mr. Schaffer said approximately 1700 acres are preserved. Mr. DeCarolis also asked if we know how much is preserved with all the non-profits and town and county. According to the Farmland Plan 15, 276 acres. Ms. Zilberfarb will get a copy of the Farmland Preservation Plan for Mr. DeCarolis for the next meeting.

Executive Session

No action was taken

Correspondence

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Alan DeCarolis, seconded by Robin Randolph to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb,
Farmland Preservation and Open Space Secretary