

**Frelinghuysen Township Open Space Advisory Commission
Minutes of March 7, 2007**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robin Randolph at 7:04 p.m.

Announcement of Proper Notice

Notice of this meeting was provided by advertising in the Star Gazette and New Jersey Herald, the official newspapers of the Township of Frelinghuysen, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Action may be taken at the meeting as advertised.

Attendance

Members present: Tom Charles, Maureen Cullen (7:15), Tom Finn, Brenda Kleber, Jennifer McCulloch, Nancy Nicholoff, Robin Randolph

Members absent: Charlie Marra

Ellen Karlsson resigned from the OS Advisory Committee.

Minutes

Tom Finn made a motion to approve the revised February 7, 2007 minutes, seconded by Brenda Kleber, all – aye.

Old Business

Nancy told that the webpage is finished. The address is: www.Frelinghuysen-NJ.us

The offsite township meeting will be held on April 14, 2007, for all committees and commissions to get together and let everybody have a chance to work together. The meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Camp from 8 – 12 p.m. Robin will work with Brenda to get the invitations out.

Maureen Cullen shared finalized flyers to be posted for the Native Plant presentation by the Nature Conservancy on April 27, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Sign information: Would like to purchase standard signs, similar to Green Acres signs, where people can recognize any Open Space project. Robin met with 2 different businesses to determine costs.

1. By utilizing what we give as initial sign, the cost would be approximately \$900 per sign.
2. By them designing the sign, the cost would be approximately \$1,500 per sign.
3. Each additional sign, as needed, would cost approximately \$500 - \$800 per sign.

Tom Finn asked if there was any funding available for these. Jennifer said not at this level, unless you want Green Acres signs.

Angeleri property: Closing documentation has gone to Green Acres. Check can be cut as soon as they have copies of all the bills from Travis Kot.

Riviello property: Closing should be the middle of March.

Schweitzer property: On hold

Stern property: Not doing anything at the moment

Reisberg property: Robin took resolution to the Township Committee to pursue the purchase of the property. Boynton checked out any insurance liability and there was nothing out of the ordinary. In respect to the houses/rental property, things would need to be considered. Renovated ranch house and cost, this could be subdivided as 6 acre parcel, rental for bathroom has a number of things to be considered.

With aspects for funding, Tom Charles spoke of different bonding options, bond anticipation notes and general bonds. Jennifer McCulloch mentioned applying for funding first and then getting reimbursed after. She also made mention of a bargain sale where the money the owner doesn't use can be written off on his taxes. She has offered to help during negotiations and mentioned that people sometimes "jump" at having something named after them.

Jennifer will need all information prior to applying for the grant. May possibly be able to apply for 2 different ones. Also mentioned that the application needs to get in by April.

New Business

Brenda mentioned possibly holding a contest to create a Township Logo. Maureen Cullen thought that this should be done professionally. Maureen has a background in this area and Robin will discuss this with her.

As of February 28, 2007, there is \$186,286.87 in the Open Space/Farmland Trust Fund. Questions arose regarding why the monies come in when they do. Brenda is checking with Anthony, the auditor, to determine how it works.

Tom Finn contacted Dave Gill for information on Conservation and preservation and Frelinghuysen land inventory. He will continue to work on this.

The Alanthius Tree Removal is scheduled for May 19, 2007. Eric Olsen will educate everyone in April. Open Space and Recreation Committee members will cut down the trees on May 19th. The Recreation Committee will be invited. Robin will handle.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm with a motion by Tom Finn, seconded by Brenda Kleber. All members present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb