

## **Frelinghuysen Township Open Space Advisory Commission**

### **Minutes of January 3, 2007**

#### **Call to Order**

The January 3, 2007 meeting was called to order by Chair Robin Randolph

#### **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, Ellen Karlsson, Brenda Kleber, Charles Marra, Nancy Nicholoff, Robin Randolph

Members absent: Tom Finn

#### **Reorganization**

Motion made by Tom Charles to nominate Robin Randolph for chairman, second by Ellen Karlsson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Tom Charles to nominate Tom Finn for vice chairman, second by Robin Randolph. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Tom Charles to approve the calendar of meetings for 2007, second by Charlie Marra. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Tom Charles to designate Star Gazette and NJ Herald as official newspapers, second by Charlie Marra. Motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Open Space site committee made by Robin Randolph: Tom Finn, Maureen Cullen and Robin Randolph. Alternate will rotate among members.

#### **Minutes**

Brenda Kleber made a motion to approve the November 6, 2006 minutes, second by Robin Randolph. Vote is as follows: Brenda Kleber – yes, Robin Randolph – yes. All other members abstain.

#### **Old Business**

Morris Land Conservancy Report

The Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) which funds the NJ Green Acres program and the state Farmland Preservation program has been depleted. Our understanding is that the state is not accepting applications from towns for new funding. They will only be able to fund those projects/towns that have already received grant approval, but the funds have not been spent yet. Jennifer stressed the fact that we will need to be creative with property acquisition funding. County funding, township bonding, and partnering with other non-profit organizations are options we need to pursue. MLC will provide the Open Space Commission with large maps from the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

#### North Warren Properties

December 11, 2006 purchase on 5 acre parcel next to Town Hall for active open space recreation. Attached is Land Acquisition Summary for purchase. Charlie Marra will ask township Recreation Committee to review "wish list" developed at the October Open Space meeting.

#### **New Business**

Subcommittees created:

Native/Invasive Program – Ellen Karlsson, Maureen Cullen

Open Space Webpage – Nancy Nicholoff, Tom Finn

Open Space and Recreation Plan – commission asked to review Year One Action Plan for discussion at February meeting.

Smith Ballfield – discussion of continued interest in purchasing property for active recreation. Charlie Marra was asked to mention this at the township Recreation Committee meeting on January 11, 2007.

#### **Correspondence**

Morris Land Conservancy – 2007 Agreement for One Year Contract, Open Space Achievements for 2006, and Proposed Open Space Activities for 2007.

New members were brought up to date regarding MLC's work in 2006 and the importance of retaining their services for the 2007 year. Contract renewal cost is \$11,000.00, which would be paid from Farmland/Open Space Preservation Trust Fund.

**Adjournment** – As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm with a motion by Ellen Karlsson, seconded by Maureen Cullen. All members present in favor.