

**Frelinghuysen Township Open Space Advisory Commission
Minutes of January 7, 2009**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Robin Randolph at 7:00 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: Robin Randolph, Debra Natyzak, Cliff Kimball, Leigh Kramer and Maureen Cullen

Members absent: Nancy Nicholoff

TLC representative present: Megan Haidet

Reorganization

Motion was made by Leigh Kramer to nominate Robin Randolph for Chairperson, seconded by Maureen Cullen, all in favor - aye.

Motion was made by Maureen Cullen to nominate Nancy Nicholoff for Vice Chairperson, seconded by Leigh Kramer, all in favor – aye.

Motion was made by Maureen Cullen to nominate Donna Zilberfarb for secretary, seconded by Leigh Kramer, all in favor – aye.

Minutes

Leigh Kramer made a motion to approve the December 15, 2008 minutes, seconded by Cliff Kimball, all in favor – aye. Debra Natyzak and Leigh Kramer abstained.

Old Business

- Forestry Management Plan – Nothing new to report
- Warren County Trust Fund – approved for \$178,000. Needs to be signed by Mayor Durling, Donna Zilberfarb will give to Brenda Kleber for signature.
- Open Space Farmland Preservation Trust Fund balance as of December 31, 2008 is \$99,185.66 with \$7,716.19 in the operating account. Ms. Zilberfarb will obtain copies each month of the trust fund. The open space tax will go into the account sometime in the middle of January, Gene McCartney will let us know when it does.
- Survey Results – Ms. Randolph compiled the responses to a few questions that would directly impact open space and handed to all members present. After looking at results, Ms. Randolph suggested doing a drive around to look at different properties. She will get maps and see where to go and will let members know at February's meeting.
- Warren County Planning Department – Has asked for maps of open space lands within the township that delineate walking paths. The township doesn't have any pathways on open space lands. Ms. Randolph spoke with Mr. Dech and the county will be requesting walking path information from the Ridge and Valley and Nature Conservancy.
- TLC Report – Was discussed during executive session

New Business

- Ailanthus tree removal at Frelinghuysen Elementary School – Ms. Randolph spoke with Dr. Klett and he will bring to the Board of Education meeting and let Ms. Randolph know if they can do a chipper party at the school. Ms. Randolph will organize and speak with Frank Desiderio. Plan to do prior to spring – late February early March.
- “What Tree is that” pamphlets – Looking to purchase for Founders Day. Maureen Cullen will bring to the February meeting.
- Stormwater Management Environscape – Ms. Randolph gave Leigh Kramer the contact information to book for Founders Day, the first Saturday in June.

Public Session**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Maureen Cullen to go into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Cliff Kimball.

There was no action taken.

A motion was made by Cliff Kimball to end Executive Session, seconded by Leigh Kramer. Executive session ended at 8:01 p.m.

Correspondence

All correspondence was reviewed

- Letter from Dr. Reisberg
- The Land Conservancy of New Jersey – 2009 proposal

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. with a motion by Leigh Kramer, seconded by Cliff Kimball. All members present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Open Space Commission Secretary