

# Frelinghuysen Twp. Open Space Advisory Commission

Minutes of meeting February 7, 2007

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robin Randolph at 7:05 p.m.

## **Attendance**

Members present: Maureen Cullen, Tom Finn, Ellen Karlsson, Brenda Kleber, Charlie Marra, Nancy Nicholoff, and Robin Randolph.

## **Minutes**

Brenda Kleber made a motion to approve the January 4, 2007 minutes, seconded by Ellen Karlsson, Tom Finn abstain.

## **Old Business**

The closing on the Riviello property will be in March.

Reisberg property: An old footprint was found on the map with the reference to "privy". Members expressed desire that the small rental house near the road not to be subdivided and sold. A question was raised as to whether out of town residents could use the property. Robin stated that if land is purchased with township funds, you can restrict it to only township residents.

Smith ball field: Will probably go to county funding. Allowing the tavern to use the parking at night was discussed. Charlie asked about insurance – who is responsible for accidents in the parking lot after hours. It was stated there will be no night ballgames, as there is no lighting in the deed. Brenda asked if it could be used for soccer games. Answer was yes, because there will be no pitcher's mound. Brenda stated the lack of fields stops the progress of baseball.

## **Discussions**

John Jurena is almost finished with the website. He is waiting for an answer to a technical question he had. Nancy sent ordinances to John. John has 5 local photos he is putting on the site. Nancy is trying to compile a list of public open space properties.

A contest to come up with a motto for Open Space will be open to all Frelinghuysen residents. The winner will receive a small gift. Nancy had suggested binoculars.

The actual date of the Native Plant presentation by the Nature Conservancy is April 27, from 7-8:30 p.m. Maureen Cullen showed the members a draft of the flyer advertising the presentation, which will be posted in several local places around town. Ann Carol at the elementary school will

save space in the Mustang Messenger for our ad. In addition, Maureen will advertise the event on the radio and a few newspapers about 3 weeks ahead of time.

### **New Business**

Robin to prepare a resolution to bring before the Township Committee at their February meeting for review. Tom Finn made a motion to approve, Ellen Karlsson seconded, all – aye.

Robin would like to see us develop a stewardship relationship with New Jersey Land management, on Cross Road.

As of Jan. 31, 2007, there is \$134,526.12 in the Open Space Trust Fund. This does not include last year's Open Space/Farmland Preservation tax money.

Possibility of having an offsite township meeting for all committees and commissions to get together and let everybody have a chance to work together. Tom Charles had mentioned a planning session – so that everybody is together on things being worked on.

Robin has 3 resources for grant possibilities. Brenda Kleber volunteered to help Robin with grants. Brenda stated “all copies of grants have to come to me now.”

Tom Finn attended the meeting of the Highlands Council. Tom stated that there is so much that the plan lacks, and that communities need to ask for more information before accepting it. Questions can be sent to the Highlands Council which is located in Chester.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Robin at 8 p.m. Brenda seconded. All in favor.