

**Frelinghuysen Township Open Space Advisory Commission
Minutes of March 5, 2008**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Robin Randolph at 6:50 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, Tom Finn, Alan DeCarolis, Nancy Nicholoff, Cliff Kimball and Maureen Cullen (7:02 pm)

Members absent: Leigh Kramer

Minutes

Tom Finn made a motion to approve the revised February 6, 2008 minutes, seconded by Alan DeCarolis, all in favor – aye, Tom Finn abstained.

Old Business

- Open Space Ordinance Revision – Hope to have word by March Township Committee Meeting from Ed Wacks.
- Open Space Sign – Tom Finn brought in trail mix box with very similar logo that we are looking for. Nancy Nicholoff also brought a design that could be used. Maureen Cullen brought some mock ups – need to keep it simple. Ms. Cullen thinks that the lettering should stand out more. Ms. Cullen and Ms. Randolph will get together to discuss further.
- Native Plant Exchange – will carry to next meeting.
- NJ Forestry Management Plan – Have been approved for \$3,000. To move forward. Donna Zilberfarb will forward a copy to Bill Crone. The Planning Board is all for this plan and thinks it will be a good asset for the community. This plan covers township properties only and doesn't go to the private land owners.
- Budget – There is no budget for Open Space or Farmland Preservation. Ms. Randolph disagrees. Frank Desiderio said to put any expenses in for general funds and come to Township Committee and ask. Any funding aspects will go to the Township Committee to obtain approval. Alan DeCarolis suggested we obtain guidelines and ordinances from the surrounding areas. He will check Hope townships. Ms. Randolph will speak with Debra Natyzak.
- MLC Report – Was discussed during executive session

New Business

- Adam Assenza – Representative for Warren and Sussex Counties for storm water management. Need presentation for ground water. He is getting information together for Ms. Randolph and she will discuss further at April's meeting.

Public Session

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to open to the public, seconded by Cliff Kimball. All in favor – aye.

- Frank Desiderio mentioned storm water management on the 5 acre parcel. He will start as soon as the weather permits. Budgeted and approved. Temporarily gets \$100k and when grant comes in that \$100k goes back to budget.

Is getting a tree company to come in and finish clearing, has seen someone in Morris County – will strip away more of the property and stock pile up by town hall.

He may need to be approved by SHPO (because of the historic preservation area). Looking at what is their enforcement if we don't do as they ask.

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to close the public session, seconded by Tom Finn. All in favor – aye.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Tom Finn to go into Executive Session, seconded by Alan DeCarolis.

There was no action taken.

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to end Executive Session, seconded by Tom Finn. Executive session ended at 8:00 p.m.

Correspondence

- Morris Land Conservancy – Letter regarding Jennifer McCulloch; Alan DeCarolis proposed sending letter back to MLC regarding Jennifer and her work for us while she was in that position. Alan DeCarolis made a motion to send the letter to MLC, seconded by Maureen Cullen, all – aye.
- NJ DEP Division of Parks and Forestry – Grant information; approved for the \$3,000 can move forward.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with a motion by Tom Finn, seconded by Alan DeCarolis. All members present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Open Space Commission Secretary