

**Frelinghuysen Township Open Space Advisory Commission
Minutes of April 2, 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, Maureen Cullen, Alan DeCarolis (6:55 pm), Cliff Kimball, Leigh Kramer and Nancy Nicholoff

Morris Land Conservancy: Megan Haidet

Members absent: Tom Finn

Minutes

Maureen Cullen made a motion to approve the revised March 5, 2008 minutes, seconded by Nancy Nicholoff, all in favor – aye, Leigh Kramer abstained.

Old Business

- Open Space Ordinance Revision – Went to the township attorney and no changes were made. The first reading was at the March Township Committee Meeting and the second reading will be at the April Township Committee Meeting.
- Trust Fund – Donna Zilberfarb will get in touch with Jean McCarthy and get copies for next month's meeting.
- NJ Forestry Management Plan – Received an email from Joe Bennett regarding the next step on grant resolution. Brenda Kleber has added this to the agenda for April's Township Committee Meeting. Nancy Nicholoff and Robin Randolph will get together to choose a consultant.
- Native plant exchange – Suggestion to postpone until September. Leigh Kramer is going to coordinate with the garden club, they meet on May 27th. Will advertise in the Mustang Messenger, the local school newsletter, before school gets out for the summer and will put on the webpage too.
- Resource books for native/invasive plants for public use – The Environmental Commission Chairperson, Shelley Scoleri will share the cost of purchasing books with the Open Space Commission for the townships use. Nancy Nicholoff made a motion to approve a request to the Township Committee for \$50.00 to purchase books, seconded by Leigh Kramer, all in favor, aye.
- Open Space Sign – On hold until May
- MLC Report – Was discussed during executive session

New Business

- Adam Assenza – Our areas watershed ambassador. Ms. Randolph met with him and will forward letter and information to Shelley Scoleri, the Chairperson for the Environmental Commission. Mr. Assenza can help with any training, cleanups on Bear Creek, Mud Pond, Paulinskil. Possibly get him to come to Founders Day to set up the envionscape – a 3d watershed to demonstrate. Ms. Randolph will

contact Mr. Assenza and invite him to our May meeting or for the Environmental Meeting in May (4th Monday).

- Ms. Randolph compiled an Open Space letter to the Township Committee regarding the Reisberg property. She will email to Donna Zilberfarb and Ms. Zilberfarb will email to all members of open space.

Public Session

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

- Ms. Randolph asked if there was a need for another chipper party. Frank Desiderio thinks possibly after the bulk of cleanout is completed. There has been someone hired to clear, stump and take away. He'd prefer to wait until all pipes are in the ground and the grading is complete. He also mentioned selling topsoil to make funds.

Ms. Randolph told him to let open space know and they will help to finish the clean up.

Question was raised regarding SHPO in Johnsonburg and if they need to approve any thing done to property behind townhall. SHPO has nothing to do with grading of land and they are looking into what does need to be approved by or with SHPO.

Mr. Desiderio mentioned that Warren County Planning Board is looking at Open Space trails of old roads. When he gets any more information, he will forward to Ms. Randolph.

A motion was made by Maureen Cullen to close the public session, seconded by Nancy Nicholoff. All in favor – aye.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to go into Executive Session, seconded by Cliff Kimball.

There was no action taken.

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to end Executive Session, seconded by Leigh Kramer. Executive session ended at 7:58 p.m.

Correspondence

All correspondence was reviewed.

- Email from Joe Bennett regarding qualified forestry consultant.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with a motion by Nancy Nicholoff, seconded by Alan DeCarolis. All members present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Open Space Commission Secretary