

**Frelinghuysen Township Open Space Advisory Commission
Minutes of May 2, 2007**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robin Randolph at 7:05 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: Tom Finn, Brenda Kleber, Tom Charles, Leigh Kramer, Nancy Nicholoff, Robin Randolph and Jennifer McCulloch

Members absent: Maureen Cullen, Charlie Marra

Minutes

Brenda Kleber made a motion to approve the revised April 4, 2007 minutes, seconded by Tom Finn, all – aye, Leigh Kramer and Tom Charles abstained.

Tom Charles made a motion to approve the revised April 26, 2007 minutes, seconded by Leigh Kramer, all – aye, Tom Finn abstained.

Old Business

- The motto contest ended with approximately 20 entries from around the community. 3 winners were chosen and the motto was a combination of all their thoughts. Next week the winners will be told and photos will be taken. Hopefully there will be a sign by Founders Day. The Open Space motto is: Open Spaces ~ Simply Beautiful. The three winners were Christopher Leno, Matt Nicholoff, and Colin Soisson.
- On Friday April 27th, the Native Invasive Program was presented by the Nature Conservancy. 12 people were in attendance. The decision to plant a tree in honor of Eric for presenting to the community will be done, possibly during the “chipper party”.
- April 26th special meeting with Open Space and the Recreation committee discussed the purchase of the Reisberg property. It is up to the recreation committee to determine what land is suitable for their needs. Open space is on the agenda for the Township Committee for the May 16th meeting requesting Township support to apply to Warren County Charitable Conservancy Trust for a grant to purchase the Reisberg property. The May 10th Recreation meeting will have Paul Neihoff discussing the 5 acre parcel behind town hall.
- The Alanthus Tree Removal is scheduled for May 19, 2007 to begin at 9 a.m. Charlie Marra will organize chain saws and Frank Desiderio will be in charge of the chipper. Lunch will be served and help will be needed. Robin and Brenda to organize lunch.
- Open Space survey: Tom Finn suggested putting something in the township newsletter and we can post on the web page. Alan DeCarolis will bring an old copy/draft to the next meeting. Tom Finn will bring a survey draft to the next meeting.

New Business

- As of April 30, 2007, there is \$191,139.22 in the Open Space/Farmland Trust Fund. Brenda checked with the auditor about quarterly deposits, the reason is because of budgets passing in April/May time frames. It is an account that is interest earning. Tom Charles suggested that the account be funded for the year at the end of June. Need to find out what Farmland is anticipating using.

Public Session

Public session was opened with a motion by Tom Finn and seconded by Tom Charles.

- Alan DeCarolis inquired that when looking at new properties if Open Space can work with Environmental. Maureen Cullen is the open space representative for Environmental and will be giving all information at the Environmental meetings.
- Eric Olsen from Nature Conservancy will be doing work across from the Frelinghuysen school on May 26th and June 9th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. for anyone interested in helping. He will be constructing a rock wall and new trail markers. Anyone interested should bring lunch and water they will supply all the equipment.

The public session was closed with a motion by Tom Charles and seconded by Leigh Kramer.

The Executive Session was closed at 8:04 p.m. with a motion by Tom Finn and seconded by Leigh Kramer. No action was taken.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. with a motion by Tom Finn, seconded by Nancy Nicholoff. All members present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Open Space Commission Secretary