

**Frelinghuysen Township Open Space Advisory Commission
Minutes of June 4, 2008**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Robin Randolph at 6:48 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, Alan DeCarolis, Cliff Kimball, Nancy Nicholoff and Maureen Cullen (6:52)

Members absent: Tom Finn and Leigh Kramer

Minutes

Nancy Nicholoff made a motion to approve the revised May 7, 2008 minutes, seconded by Maureen Cullen, all in favor – aye. Maureen Cullen and Cliff Kimball abstained.

Old Business

- Forestry Management Plan – Nancy Nicholoff spoke with Joe Bennett and will contact him again tomorrow regarding the contract.
- Native/Invasive Resource Books – The Environmental Commission approved the list of books. The books will cost less than \$100.00 and Ms. Randolph will purchase. Maureen Cullen will contact the publisher first and ask if they can donate them to us.
- Red Oak Tree Placement – The landscaper will plant the tree in June. He and Ms. Randolph will water during the summer. Frank Desiderio is looking into the exact placement for the tree as to not interfere with guard rails, salt, etc.
- Trust Fund – Balance for month ending May 2008: \$154,341.59 is the combined total in the open space and farmland preservation account.

Robin Randolph, Jim Banta and the Finance Committee will meet with Jean McCarthy at 6:30 pm to discuss Trust Fund issues. Ms. Randolph will email a copy of the letter to all members that was sent to the Township Committee.

- MLC Report – Was discussed during executive session

New Business

- Kite Flying Class – Teach and have them fly kites behind the townhall for 2-3 hours. Robin Randolph will put in the Mustang Messenger. Cliff Kimball thought the recreation committee should handle and he will work with Maureen Cullen to get it started.
- Adam Assenza came to talk to the open space group and audience members from the environmental group. Currently he is monitoring the Paulinskill river. He conducts a 2 hour training course and teaches volunteers to access water quality by monitoring aquatic life and the environment in and around streams.

Discussed that this would be a good thing for high school students to take part in this summer.

He will meet anyone and take them on riverwalks. Mr. Assenza will send some dates to members for his upcoming training sessions. Ideas of having the Enviroscope set up at the Halloween Hayride were passed around. Also thought the Murphy Fishing Contest might be a good date (June 21) to set one up. Ms. Randolph will check with Brenda Kleber and Cliff Kimball will discuss with the recreation committee on setting it up for that time. Mr. Assenza will be the ambassador for this area until August.

- Open Space will meet in July and August with a light agenda. If meeting gets cancelled Donna Zilberfarb will contact all members.

Public Session

Executive Session

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Cliff Kimball.

There was no action taken.

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to end Executive Session, seconded by Cliff Kimball. Executive session ended at 8:06 p.m.

Correspondence

All correspondence was reviewed.

- Warren County Health Department - Passive Recreation Areas
- Assemblyman Michael Doherty – response to Save Our Parks Letter

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. with a motion by Alan DeCarolis, seconded by Maureen Cullen. All members present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Open Space Commission Secretary