

**Frelinghuysen Township Open Space Advisory Commission
Minutes of June 6, 2007**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robin Randolph at 7:04 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, Leigh Kramer, Nancy Nicholoff, Robin Randolph and Maureen Cullen (7:20)

Members absent: Brenda Kleber, Tom Charles, Charlie Marra

Minutes

Tom Finn made a motion to approve the revised May 2, 2007 minutes, seconded by Leigh Kramer, all – aye.

Old Business

- Tom Finn received a copy of the old survey that went to residents in the mid 90's. He handed everyone present a copy. After reviewing the old survey, it was noticed that the whole survey was not there and Tom will be getting with Brenda Kleber to check on the additional questions that are not on the survey. Discussed putting the survey in the newsletter but that is ready for print and will now fall under our budget.
- Tom Finn moved to contact Planning Board and request conducting the survey. Robin Randolph will act as the liaison. Survey to be done for mid-fall. Nancy Nicholoff seconded, all in favor – aye.
- Tom Finn and Robin Randolph presented four items for the Open Space Advisory Commission at Wednesday's Township Meeting.
 - Resolution for Township Committee approval to allow Jennifer McCulloch (MLC) to apply to Warren County Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund for matching funds to purchase the Reisberg property. Approved.
 - Funding options available to Township for the purchase.
 - Request for approval of Robert F. Heffernan to conduct an initial appraisal for 3 different property scenarios. Approved.
 - Request that the Township Committee approve an increase in the Township Open Space/Farmland tax of \$.02 per \$100. As you recall, this was discussed at the Township Off-site meeting in April and would support the first priority agreed upon to maintain and acquire open space for preservation. Township presenting resolution at the June Township Committee Meeting.
- There is another Alanthius Tree Removal scheduled for June 23, 2007 to begin at 9 a.m. Invitations have gone out to all members of the Rec Committee, as well as, the audience members at the meeting and the Boy Scouts and School members. Lunch will be served and help will be needed. Robin and Brenda to organize lunch.

- Maureen Cullen prepared a Draft Open Space Sign. Fonts need to be determined and will be done in oil paints. Whoever funded the purchase of the property will also be on the sign. Maureen will bring in another copy for July's meeting. Leigh Kramer will coordinate and work with Maureen for getting the completed sign to the printer.
- Tom Finn is still trying to get in touch with David Gill, tax assessor, for an updated land inventory.
- Robin Randolph updated the Action Register and handed out to all present.

New Business

- As of May 31, 2007, there is \$186,253.51 in the Open Space/Farmland Trust Fund.
- A motion was made for Robin Randolph to draft a letter to Governor Corzine for reauthorization for the GSPT (Garden State Preservation Trust), seconded by Leigh Kramer. All in favor, aye.
- Open Space Benefits Program: Help the public understand what's happening. Have a ballot question in November and request that Jennifer McCulloch educate the community in September.

Public Session

- Alan DeCarolis inquired about the Reisberg properties and others. Robin Randolph responded that we are currently pursuing grant money so we put out as little money as possible. Explained that a grant is not a loan.
- Alan DeCarolis inquired if we have a target list of properties for Open Space. He requested to be placed on the listing.
- Alan DeCarolis inquired if Farmland Preservation and Open Space knew what each was doing. Robin Randolph responded that the Township Committee has approved MLC to move forward to obtain grants. Deb Natyzak is on Farmland and a Township Committee member.

The public session was closed at 7:50 pm.

Executive Session was opened at 7:51 p.m. with a motion by Tom Finn and seconded by Leigh Kramer.

The Executive Session was closed at 8:01 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 8:03 p.m. with a motion by Robin Randolph, seconded by Maureen Cullen. All members present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Open Space Commission Secretary