

**Frelinghuysen Township Open Space Advisory Commission  
Minutes of August 1, 2007**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robin Randolph at 7:08 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, Tom Charles, Leigh Kramer (7:10), Nancy Nicholoff, Robin Randolph and Maureen Cullen (7:20)

Members absent: Brenda Kleber and Charlie Marra

**Minutes**

Tom Finn made a motion to approve the revised June 6, 2007 minutes, seconded by Tom Charles, all – aye, Tom Charles abstained.

**Old Business**

- There is another Alanthius Tree Removal “chipper party” scheduled for September 15, 2007 to begin at 9 a.m. Eddie Soisson will be contacting the recreation committee to get them involved. Breakfast and lunch will be served.
- Open Space Survey: Questions have been forwarded to the Planning Board as an inclusion to their survey being sent out.
- Open Space Sign:
  - Maureen Cullen asked if the draft photo she created was what is wanted or if there is a better photo to be placed on a sign. Tom Charles suggested on top of Jenny Jump Mountain overlooking the water gap and Tom Finn suggested Mud Pond looking over the pond. Tom Charles would like to see the sign identify with open space – air, water, rock and trees with our motto on it.
  - Determination of the product used for making the sign, picking the fonts and colors and determining the background are the key factors that will be discussed by Maureen Cullen and Leigh Kramer and be reported back at the September meeting.
- Land Inventory: Tom Charles will get in contact with David Gill, tax assessor, for an updated land inventory.
- Target List: Robin Randolph is working with Jennifer McCulloch and should have by the October meeting.

**New Business**

- As of August 1, 2007, there is \$217,285.05 in the Open Space/Farmland Trust Fund.
- Site Nomination: Robin Randolph has nominated Mud Pond for the Skylands Birding and Wildlife Trails program to be developed for northwest NJ. They currently have a touring route set up in Ocean County in the Cape May area. They will be coming to see the site for inspections.
- Open Space Benefits Program:

- ANJEC – Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions - will be conducting a road show on Land Preservation to help residents understand the upcoming Tax Referendum on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall for all residents. Maureen Cullen and Leigh Kramer will be coordinating refreshments. Advertising in the local newspaper, as well as having a reporter covering the meeting, will be done. Other discussions of advertising included sending out postcards to residents, placing signs (4x8 in size) in a right away or possibly advertising on the billboard prior to the school on Route 94. Tom Charles and Robin Randolph are currently looking into those options.
- Robin Randolph also handed each member a copy of understanding the Preservation Tax Referendum that will be placed on the ballot in November. Lisa Pachnos will condense this and get it into the newsletter for September. There will also be something placed on the web site.
- Robin Randolph has reached out to Eddie Soisson to get the recreation committee working together with open space and will be doing the same for the environmental commission.
- Tom Charles made a motion to approve \$200.00 for ANJEC to do the road show in September, seconded by Tom Finn. All in favor, aye.
- Robin Randolph will be getting in touch with all the surrounding area Open Space Chairs and meet with them to be able to work together on future purchases that may possibly border their towns.
- Tom Charles discussed the plans for the acres behind town hall. Currently they are working on drainage issues and the stream encroachment. Once the plans are finalized they will be able to obtain the building permits and move forward.

### **Public Session**

- Alan DeCarolis inquired about the previous chipper party and what the costs were. The costs were \$153.00 and \$187.00 which included food, roundup etc.
- Alan DeCarolis also inquired if the environmental group can attend the road show meeting in September. Everyone is invited and would be good to have them there.

The Executive Session was opened with a motion by Tom Finn and seconded by Tom Charles.

The Executive Session was closed at 8:00 p.m. with a motion by Tom Charles and seconded by Maureen Cullen. No action was taken.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. with a motion by Tom Charles, seconded by Leigh Kramer. All members present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb

Open Space Commission Secretary