

**Frelinghuysen Township Open Space Advisory Commission
Minutes of September 5, 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: Leigh Kramer, Nancy Nicholoff, Robin Randolph, Brenda Kleber and Maureen Cullen (7:23)

Members absent: Tom Charles, Tom Finn and Charlie Marra

Minutes

Leigh Kramer made a motion to approve the August 1, 2007 minutes, seconded by Nancy Nicholoff, all – aye, Brenda Kleber abstained.

Old Business

- The Alanthus Tree Removal “chipper party” is scheduled for September 15, 2007 to begin at 9 a.m. The removal will continue to go around the corner of Ramsey Road and continue to Main Street. Breakfast and lunch will be served.
- Open Space Survey: Nancy Nicholoff, Leigh Kramer, and Robin Randolph will get together to review questions from other commissions and complete and changes/no changes by the October 3rd Open Space Meeting.
- Open Space Sign:
 - Maureen Cullen drafted another photo for the sign, this time from the Mud Pond. This incorporates air, water, rock and trees.
 - Ms. Cullen will be contacting a graphic designer Friday, September 7th to get a quote.
 - Questions arose as to what size the sign should be, should it be portrait or landscape, where should wording go, abstract or real scene and number of colors.
 - Maureen Cullen and Leigh Kramer will be working together to obtain 2 to 3 choices for the signs. They will have something for the October meeting where the committee can vote on it.
- Open Space Benefits Program:
 - Dave Pifer from, ANJEC – Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions and Jennifer McCulloch from Morris Land Conservancy will be conducting a forum on Land Preservation to help residents understand the benefits of land preservation and the upcoming Tax Referendum on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall for all residents. A mailer went out to registered voter residents today. Advertising has been in the local newspapers and will be posted in the post office, town hall and the school newsletter.
- Morris Land Conservancy Report:
 - Reisberg Property: Preparing Warren County application – will go into next years funding. The project reference map has been revised. The

- appraisers that were approved by Green Acres should have a draft by end of the week. They've done the site visit and it was very positive.
- Angeleri Property: Closing documentation has gone to Green Acres and we are expecting reimbursement in the next couple of months.
 - Smith Ball fields: This property has been sold to the Predale's and they've offered it to the town. Brenda Kleber asked the cost of the fields and they've said under \$200,000. Currently they are allowing continued use until the end of the year for youth only.
 - Riviello Property: Has closed and have called Martin Rapp, steward for the property, to invite him to attend an Open Space Committee meeting.
 - Schweitzer and Stern properties: On hold.

New Business

- As of August 31, 2007, there is \$123,536.41 in the Open Space/Farmland Trust Fund. There was a debit of \$95,000 that Robin Randolph is checking into.
- Nancy Nicholoff is preparing a type of advertising for handing out to residents at different recreation events to help the Open Space tax referendum get into the public prior to the election in November. She had thought of something to place on green tic-tac boxes. Magnets were considered and then thought of stickers to place on the tic-tacs. She will have samples at the October meeting.

Public Session

- Dave Boynton inquired when the survey will go public so we can see the changes and/or questions. Robin Randolph let him know that it had to go to the Planning Board first.
- Mr. Boynton also inquired the cost of sending out this survey. \$800. was an estimate given by Ms. Randolph and that it should be budgeted by the Planning Board. Some other suggestions for mailings were email, bulk rate, phone calls, and postage paid return envelopes.

Correspondence

- Geographic Magic

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. with a motion by Leigh Kramer, seconded by Nancy Nicholoff. All members present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Open Space Commission Secretary