

**Frelinghuysen Township Open Space Advisory Commission
Minutes of December 5, 2007**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Robin Randolph at 7:15 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, Tom Charles, Robin Randolph, and Brenda Kleber
Excused Members absent: Nancy Nicholoff, Maureen Cullen and Tom Finn
Morris Land Conservancy present: Jennifer McCulloch

Minutes

Leigh Kramer made a motion to approve the November 7, 2007 minutes, seconded by Tom Charles, all – aye, Tom Charles and Brenda Kleber abstained.

Tom Charles made a motion to reflect in the October minutes that Jennifer McCulloch was present and was discussed during the Executive Session, seconded by Leigh Kramer, all – aye, Tom Charles abstained.

Old Business

- The Recreation Committee offered to give the Open Space Commission \$1,000.00. Decided that this would not work at this time.
- Need to decide how to use remainder of budget money. Possibly pay bills for next year.
 - Pay for the Red Oak to be planted in honorarium to the Nature Conservancy in lieu of paying Eric Olsen for the Native Invasive program in May (\$200).
 - A new pruning saw could be purchased (\$300-400)
 - Native Invasive books for next year (\$120)
- As of November 30, 2007, there is \$172,788.04 in the Open Space/Farmland Trust Fund. Surveys and the 3rd payment for Morris Land Conservancy were paid.
- MLC Report
 - Reisberg property – negotiations ongoing
 - Schweitzer, Stern and Dark Moom Tavern Ballfields (formerly Smith Ballfields) all on hold
 - The Township have applied to Green Acres for a low interest (2%) loan for park development, all closing documentation has gone to Green Acres, expecting reimbursement in the next couple of months.
 - Riviello property has closed

New Business

- Received a letter from David K. Dech – Warren County Planning Director – requesting to get ready for planning for next year. Requested we send map and Block/Lot numbers of list we currently have and list of any future sites. Ms. Randolph showed map of properties present and future and asked for any other

ideas or thoughts. Mayor Charles suggested adding the Manek property Block 1703/Lot 11 to Open Space rather than Farmland Preservation.

Tom Charles made a motion to submit target property list with new addition and minor corrections of names/addresses to the county, seconded by Brenda Kleber, all – aye.

- The Division of Fish and Wildlife has a \$3,000 grant to create a Forestry Plan for the township. By doing this it will open the door to more funding for the future. Ms. Randolph spoke with Michael D'Errico of the NJ Shade Tree Commission to see what needed to be done. The deadline is extended until the end of the year. Nancy Nicholoff, Maureen Cullen, Robin Randolph and Bill Crone will work to put proposal together.
- A motion was made by Tom Charles to change the time for Open Space Commission meetings to start at 6:45 p.m. and end at 8:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, seconded by Leigh Kramer, all – aye.

Ms. Randolph will check with Farmland Preservation Committee to make sure they are ok with the ending time of 8:15 p.m.

Public Session

- None

Executive Session

Executive session started at 7:50 p.m.

Executive session ended at 8:07 p.m.

There was a recommendation for price as a counter offer to the Reisberg property.

Correspondence

- None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 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