

FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes of December 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Robin Randolph, Chair, at 6:50 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE

Notice of this meeting was provided by advertising in the Express Times 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, Nancy Nicholoff, Dan Carson, Debra Natyzak, and Cliff Kimball

Members absent: Maureen Cullen and Leigh Kramer

The Land Conservancy Present: Megan Haidet

MINUTES

The Minutes of the November 4, 2009 meeting and November 4, 2009 Joint meeting will be held until next month, all in favor - aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- Forestry Management Plan – The Federal Stimulus Plan that was discussed previously was thought to have the township receive \$6,000 for our Plan. Ms. Nicholoff inquired some more into this and found out that we do not qualify for this money as our Plan was originally starting in 2010. Due to the original timing of the Plan, Ms. Randolph is working on reconfiguring the management plan with the timing of 2009 - 2013 so it will now be eligible for the Stimulus Plan. Ms. Randolph will send revisions to Ms. Nicholoff to include revisions for the Phase I area. We would then apply for the stimulus grant once the revisions are approved. Ms. Nicholoff also explained the targeted area for the members (State Park Road, Town Hall, Greendell Road, Kerrs Corner Road and South Street). It would be done through a local effort and the DPW. The 5 acre piece at the town hall is in Phase I and, Phase I should consume the whole grant.
- Open Space/Farmland Trust Fund Balance – The combined total is \$143,719.79.
- Chipper Party – On November 14 the group cut down and stacked the wood and the township will chip it up the week after school is out for winter break. Dan Carson brought 3 extra volunteers with him.

NEW BUSINESS

- Debra Natyzak led a walk on Dark Moon Road on November 8th. They started at Pittenger lane and walked to Dark Moon Cemetary. Mr. Sykes asked if anyone wanting to walk it in future call and ask prior to walking it. Ms. Natyzak obtained that permission prior to the walk.
- Land Owner Appraisal Agreement – Ms. Randolph sent a letter to the Township Committee and they have decided to keep the agreement in place.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken.

PUBLIC SESSION

A motion was made by Nancy Nicholoff to open the public session at 8:04 pm., seconded by Dan Carson.

Frank Desiderio raised a question regarding the \$6,000 stimulus grant for forestry management. He explained to Ms. Nicholoff that he heard that from someone and was not rumored or hearsay but just didn't have all the facts for that particular plan.

A motion was made by Nancy Nicholoff to close the public session at 8:09 pm., seconded by Dan Carson.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was reviewed.

- Letter to Township Committee regarding Landowner Agreement
- Land Conservancy of NJ- 2010 Proposal

A motion was made by Dan Carson to send a letter to the Township Committee in support of renewing the Land Conservancy contract for 2010, seconded by Cliff Kimball, all in favor - aye.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with a motion by Dan Carson, seconded by Cliff Kimball. All members present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Open Space Commission Secretary