

**Frelinghuysen Township Open Space Advisory Commission
Minutes of December 15, 2008**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Robin Randolph at 7:45 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: Robin Randolph, Alan DeCarolis, Nancy Nicholoff, Cliff Kimball and Maureen Cullen

Members absent: Tom Finn and Leigh Kramer

Minutes

Nancy Nicholoff made a motion to approve the October 1, 2008 minutes, seconded by Maureen Cullen, all in favor – aye.

Old Business

- Forestry Management Plan – Members from Open Space and Environmental met on December 15, 2008 to brainstorm the next steps for the Forestry Management Plan for Frelinghuysen. The consultants working on the Plan gave questions and topics to discuss with the group prior to their meeting with Ms. Nicholoff and team members.
- Honorarium Letter – An honorary letter will be sent to the Nature Land Conservancy for the red oak tree that has been planted on the 5 acre parcel of land by the town hall.
- Open Space Farmland Preservation Trust Fund balance as of November 30, 2008 is \$10,379.01 in the working account. Ms. Zilberfarb will check into when the tax is credited and which account it goes into.
- Warren County Charitable Trust Grant – As far as Ms. Randolph is aware this grant has been approved.
- MLC Report – Was discussed during executive session

New Business

- 2008 Accomplishments – Ms. Randolph handed to all members present a copy of the open space accomplishments for 2008. Ms. Zilberfarb will forward them to the Township Committee.

A motion was made by Nancy Nicholoff to send a list of accomplishments to the Township Committee, seconded by Maureen Cullen. All members present in favor, aye.

- 2008 Township Survey Results – A copy of the survey results were handed to all members present and asked to take home and bring comments back to the next meeting.
- Joint Open Space/Farmland Meeting – Deborah Natyzak would like to hold a joint meeting for the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Committees. Open Space Committee is suggesting having the meeting at 8:00 pm so they can have their regular meeting prior. Ms. Zilberfarb will contact everyone and let them know the time of the joint meeting.

Public Session

Executive Session

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to go into Executive Session at 8:13 p.m., seconded by Cliff Kimball.

There was no action taken.

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to end Executive Session, seconded by Cliff Kimball. Executive session ended at 8:24 p.m.

Correspondence

All correspondence was reviewed

- Nature Conservancy – Notice of Green Acres Public Hearing
- Warren County Planning Department – Map/Public Open Space Lands

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. with a motion by Alan DeCarolis, seconded by Cliff Kimball. All members present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Open Space Commission Secretary