

**MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN**  
**PLANNING BOARD**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF**  
**THE ERI AND OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN UPDATES**  
**NOVEMBER 3, 2011**  
(Meeting Start Time: 7:30pm – No new testimony after 10:30pm)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

This meeting was called to order by Kevin Bailey @ 7:35 pm.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE**

Notice of this meeting was provided by advertising in the NJ Herald and the Express Times, official newspapers of the Township of Frelinghuysen Planning Board. Notice has also been posted in the Township Municipal Building in Johnsonburg. As advertised, action may be taken at this meeting.

**III. FLAG SALUTE**

**IV. ATTENDANCE**

K Bailey	F Desiderio	D Eitner
R Young (7:40pm)	D Zilberfarb	R Randolph

**Members Absent:** C Calcagne, R Corvino, A. DeCarolis, J Simonetti

**No Professionals were Present**

**V. CORRESPONDENCE AND OR DISCUSSION**

The Board Chair turned the meeting over to Ms. Barbara Davis, a representative from the Land Conservancy @ 7:39pm.

Ms Davis, the Vice President of programs at the Land Conservancy of New Jersey, was hired by the municipality to update the Open Space & Recreation Plan which was completed in 2006 and the Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) which was from 1991. Her mission is to update the plans. Green Acres likes to have two (2) public hearings, one at the beginning of this process and one towards the end. Ms. Davis has prepared a handout to follow as she goes over the mapping and information behind the maps. Ms. Davis stated that she likes to look outside the township boundaries when it comes to natural resources and thinks it's important to look at resources regionally. There are 1,680 acres of preserved land in Frelinghuysen. The Open Space Plan Update is to document, what you preserved, how you preserve it, what you brought in through your trust fund and how it's been expended. The Open Space Committee looked at the goals and Action Plan from the 2006 plan which is now 5 years old, and is attempting to combine what they felt were current actions items and goals right now in 2011. The Committee is in the midst of updating those goals and creating a new Action Plan. Frelinghuysen has natural greenways. This work is a specific Green Acres requirement in order to preserve land with justification. The Land Conservancy has worked on property that included both open space and farmland. The purpose of this meeting is to present, receive public input, and in a couple of months, we will have a draft document to review. The meeting was then turned over to Ms. Kathleen Caccavale to explain the table of maps for the ERI which were included in the handouts. Ms. Caccavale stated that they looked at other ERIs and Master Plans. Ms. Caccavale stated she would like to include soils because they were updated in 2008, which makes the data in the Master Plan out of date. Mr. Bailey turned the meeting over to Ms Randolph for comments. She stated that the Open Space Action Plan is dated 2006 and it has set goals for 1, 3, & 5 years. Some have been accomplished and they will include the ones that are relevant in the updated Plan. Mr. Bailey asked the board for comments before he opened this meeting to the public, having the Environmental Committee comment first. Christopher Jaronski asked about the flood hazard areas and if it would be included in this data. Mr. Desiderio was concerned and worried that this will impact owner's properties. The Land Conservancy is having issues with FEMA with having outdated flood maps. Mr. Bailey opened the public portion to his meeting at 8:07pm.

Debbie Menza was apprehensive about the study the EC did in the early 2000s and had concerns with the limestone and believed that was one of the reasons for that study. She also questioned about property on Heller Road. Mr. Jaronsky pointed out that this map is online and available to the public. Mr. Desiderio was anxious about the "farm assessed" properties and how they are or have been "cut up" into separate parcels for which have been subdivided and approved for development, yet remain farm assessed. The Mayor stated that was a good point. Mr. Desiderio believes the exhibit is showing false data in these preserved areas. Ms. Randolph commented on the original Open Space Plan and how it breaks down the farmland by acreage. Chris Kuhn had a fear about the "greenways" in specific areas for which they overlap in one area, and nothing targeted in another area. Ms. Davis described defending the goals of the Open Space Committee. Mr. Desiderio had concerns about the property wrapped around the school and from Route 661 which entails 57 acres and is being planted and is farmland. The Mayor commented that it's not targeted farmland. Ms. Randolph reminded the board that the Open Space Plan is a two-fold plan for which it is for conservation and recreation and expressed that Green Acres has very stringent guidelines. Tammy Beckenthal, a new member of the Environmental Commission had concerns and questions about the DEP maps and the defining of the flood areas. She also had questions on the bedrock and natural soil drainage. Ms. Beckenthal did have concerns about the greenway map and conservation easements. Mr. Bailey had concerns as to identifying permissible hunting areas. Mr. Young mentioned that the ERI for the Highlands Module 4 is in process. Mr. Kuhn had a comment on the fishing aspect concerning both the Nature Conservancy and the Natural Lands Trust – both having different regulations. Mr. Bailey closed the public portion of this meeting at 8:45 pm. Mr. Desiderio thanked the Land Conservancy representatives for this informative presentation. Mr. Bailey also thanked the public for coming out.

**VI. MINUTES**

September 12, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting – tabled for Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
September 29, 2011 Work Session Meeting – Cancelled  
October 3, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting – Cancelled

**VII. SUBCOMMITTEE/ LIAISON REPORTS**

There were no sub-committee reports at this time.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT** – was opened during discussion portion of this meeting

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm was made by Ms. Eitner and seconded by Ms. Randolph.  
All in favor "**AYE**" – none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bernstein, Secretary