

**FRELINGHUYSEN RECREATION MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 11, 2007**

**Attendance:** Brenda Kleber, Tom Charles, Chip Greene, Cliff Kimball, Edwina Soisson  
Kim Leno, Charlie Marra, Dave Boynton, Jack Bigos

**Public Hearing on Municipal Complex:**

- Marla Roller representing Masser Consulting was present to give a presentation regarding the pending Frelinghuysen Recreation Complex
- Marla took the stand stating Masser Consulting has designed the plans for the complex. It is to be developed in various phases.
- Stated established goal has been reached
- Cost estimate provided for Green Acres Funding Application
- Plans show the maintaining and utilization of existing ball field
- Environmental concerns have been taken into consideration and building permit for complex has been already issued prior to the law concerning 300 foot buffer rule
- There will be no active recreation in back area of field as drainage is needed there
- The complex will contain 3 little league fields
- The complex will contain 1 paved tennis court and 1 basketball court
- A paved walking trail will be built around the entire perimeter (handicap accessible) of the complex except in the water area which will be wood chips
- Plans have been drawn up showing a small shed for equipment or such
- Plans include use of existing building behind Town Hall for a concession stand, bathroom facilities and miscellaneous storage
- One third of entire cost of project will go towards upgrading the existing septic system
- Parking area will be repaved and upgraded
- Project will extend over a period of several years. It will be constructed in phases

Phase I

1. Grate of land
2. Install Drainage

Phase II

1. Construction of fields/ fencing/ backstops

Phase III

1. Up for discussion between construction of  
basketball/ tennis courts, parking lots, or septic bed
- Marla ( Masser Consulting) stated that often the Health Department requires a minimum number of stalls in bathroom based on the size of complex
  - Frank Desiderio joined the meeting and suggested using the fill from the septic area to be used for fill for the proposed fields. He, too stated, having worked in the area, that most soil around Town Hall is sand. This could possibly be of great savings on development costs.

- Mayor Tom Charles said the cost of development and repayment of loan would be shared by the Town and Recreation Committee since it will be utilized by both groups
- A contingency line of 13% has been added to projected cost of project
- Bulk of cost cannot be billed to Recreation plan as repairs are needed
- Town is applying to Green acres for 1.6 million at 2% for 20 years. The town will be able to draw down amount needed. Hopefully it will not be necessary to use entire amount applied for
- Chip Greene, Chairman of Recreation Committee, asked if the recycling & salt shed would be fenced off. Marla from Masser responded “yes”.
- Dave Boynton made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Cliff Kimball seconded. Committee unanimously approved.
- Robin Randolph asked if the Township has the option to apply for grants even if the town has been granted the loan thru Green Acres? **Marla responded saying yes the town does.**
- Robin Randolph asked how the interest was calculated on the loan? **Debra Natyzak responded to the question stating that the loan is paid in semi-annually installments on the interest only of the outstanding balance at a rate of 2% for up to 20 years.**
- Robin Randolph asked if there would be any pre-payment penalty on the loan? **Debra Natyzak read from the application that there is no pre-payment penalty.**
- Robin Randolph proposed the question “Will payment of loan come from several town committees?” **Mayor Tom Charles responded to the question by stating the entire amount of loan can be pre-paid down if money is allotted from the municipality.**
- Robin Randolph asked if the back area not being developed (drainage area) could contain native planting? **Marla responded saying there are ways to promote environmental friendly soils and plant materials which put water back into the air and make for a more natural habitat. Mayor Tom Charles interjected by saying that calculations have not yet been made as to how much water we may even have to deal with. Frank Desiderio also made the audience aware that basins cannot be covered with plants as there are requirements for maintaining the basin so the system does not fail. Mayor Charles continued by saying various towns are adding quartz to the soil, thus producing less water. He, too, added impervious surfaces are minimal in our area.**
- Chairman Chip Greene asked if there were any other questions. **None**
- Dave Boynton made a motion to close the public discussion period. Mayor Charles seconded. Committee unanimously approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** Kim Leno approved minutes from September meeting with one change regarding Green Acres Loan- Term should be 20 years, not 30 years. This was just disclosed at the October meeting that the term stated previously was incorrect. Dave Boynton seconded. Committee unanimously approved.

**Report of Treasurer:** See Attached

**Approval of Bills:** Chip Greene proposed to aggregate \$1000.00 of booster funds to reimburse the Open Space Committee for costs to Masser Consulting.

**Correspondence:**

- Blairstown Township Re: Sports program fair share- Letter stated the breakdown of our cost for participation in Sports Program- \$4,995. Chip Greene will contact Blairstown to get a better breakdown charges. This should include Blairstown's use of our softball/ baseball fields in 2006. It, too, should include our cost of maintenance, DPW, clay and line painting.

**Standing Committees:**

- Ball Field- No report
- Aerobics- Going Well
- Piano- No report
- Advertising- Fall Festival is being advertised in newspaper & Mustang Messenger
- Basketball
  - Lynn Poe will be the new basketball coordinator. Jack Bigos will call to let her know
  - Jack Bigos proposed doing away with playoff. It has become too competitive. He will approach Blairstown and Knowlton for their views.
  - Sign ups will be at Town Hall
  - Put applications on website
  - Drafts to be held at next meeting
  - Basketball applications to be put in folders of children at Frelinghuysen School
  - Mustang Messenger and board at school. Edwina Soisson will handle.
  - Edwina Soisson proposed a question by a resident of Frelinghuysen about raising Fee which would allow children to practice at the Presbyterian Camp (bigger Court). Charlie Marra suggested the Committee donate the cost instead of raising Fees. Committee will review the costs/ times of renting facility. Discuss at next Meeting.
  - Cliff Kimball suggested instead of playoffs doing a Foul Shooting Contest and Pizza Party.
- Soccer- Season going well
- Pilates- Going well. Kim noted that instructor Maxime Swentzel was in a car accident and slowly recovering.
- Ski Club- Materials are being sent the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October
- Movie Night- Gloria will continue doing Movie Night
- Soft Ball- No Report

**Old Business:**

- Fall Festival
  - Halloween Parade will follow hayride- Kim and Eddie will get prizes

Hayride from Randall Avenue, up Kerrs Corner, Mott Road- 2.2 miles  
Wagons will leave @ 4PM  
Donuts- Harpers Bakery-Cinnamon/ Glazed  
Hot Dogs- A&P  
Gloria Murphy will get cider and marshmallows  
Brenda Kleber will get condiments and Hot dogs  
Lighter fluid needed  
10 bags charcoal/ Chip  
Generators needed  
Tower Light from Grand Rental- Tom will order  
Face painter already booked- arrive @ 5PM  
Small fire for marshmallow roasting- Fire service will be on hand  
Brenda will call Gloria about possible wood she may have  
Committee will meet @ 3PM  
Connie Breeding wanted to sell crafts- Committee unanimously opposed

**New Business:**

- Township dinner- Tom Charles needs several people to help purchase and help decorate Green Fire Hall- maximum \$200.00 to spend
- Dave made a motion to get Gloria Murphy a plaque for all her years of hard work. Chip Greene seconded. Committee unanimously approved.
- Chipper Party scheduled for Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9AM.

**Adjournment**