

**OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 2006**

At 7:40 pm, Mr. Wingerter called the meeting to order.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call:

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Present: Denardo, Disick, Morelli, Romano, Siedman, Wingerter

Late: Butch

Absent: Abilheira, Alves, Mullarkey

Public Comment

The public comment portion of the meeting opened at 7:32 pm.

Patrick Hall, who runs the TV channel for Millstone and is studying in Journalism at The College of New Jersey, attended the meeting to interview Ms. Butch for a journalism article.

At 7:42 pm, Ms. Butch closed public portion.

Correspondence

Ms. Butch reviewed the correspondence section of the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Morelli made a motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2006, and Ms. Siedman offered a second. Roll Call Vote: Butch, Morelli, Siedman

Old Business

- ◆ Trails –The revised map should be complete shortly. Ms. Lisa Spaziano is awaiting one piece of information. A list of trails was distributed to the Council for review. The allowable uses for each trail will be discussed at the next meeting and recommendations to the Township Committee will be decided. The Galloping Hills trails were received from the developer and are designated as equestrian use only. The trails funded by Green Acres must allow snowshoeing, cross country skiing, jogging, walking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. All other trail uses are at the discretion of the Township Committee. In addition to recommending designations, several other suggestions were discussed.

- Mr. Disick suggested that trails be marked so users know they can only be used from sunrise to sunset. Mr. Abilheira stated that the Township Committee could pass an ordinance to that effect. Galloping Hills has this language in their easement. Special permission for one-time activity could be granted by TC (i.e. caroling on horseback).
- Mr. Alves suggested trail maps highlight designated uses so people don't attempt to use a trail for the wrong purpose.
- ◆ Open Space Tax Campaign – Ms. Butch congratulated the Council on the successful Open Space tax campaign. Simon is preparing the resolution for one penny increase. Mr. Abilheira will check to see if this is on the December 6th agenda.
- ◆ Baird Road / Waters 40 acres – Ms. Butch reported that the township is going on to bid on the repair work. The target date for the work is spring.
- ◆ Lichtman Management Agreement – Ms. Butch will follow up on this.
- ◆ Land Rally – Save the Date! The land rally will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2007.

New Business

- ◆ OSFP Term Expirations – Mr. Disick is not seeking reappointment to the Council next year. Mr. Romano, Ms. Siedman, and Mr. Wingerter have been recommended for reappointment.
- ◆ 2007 Budget – The first draft of the Council's 2007 budget is due January 5, 2007. The areas where input from the Council is need are: bulletins, postage, and seminars.
- ◆ 2007 Projects – Mr. Wingerter sent an e-mail to Council members in advance of the meeting suggesting several projects for next year.
 - Bulletins – Mr. Wingerter suggested four bulletins. The bulletin will include articles about our progress and any new properties in the program. The Council discussed the goal of the bulletins and the costs associated with mailing them to residents. Inclusion in the Examiner proved to be ineffective. The cost of the bulletin is \$939 and postage is \$1200+. The Council decided to make three bulletins: one will included in the March mailer, one will be included with the tax bill, and the third will be mailed directly. A subcommittee will be formed for the bulletins.

- Recreation Map Fundraiser - Mr. Wingerter provided copies of the Howell Township Recreation Map and ad pricing. Howell Township raised \$7000 selling ads. The map would show all recreational facilities and county parks as well as identify Township Committee members. A subcommittee will be formed for the map.
- Communication – Mr. Wingerter suggested using the township website to post important work and projects in progress as well as using e-mail to communicate to a majority of our residents. Mr. Disick expressed concern that people are tired of getting spam, and we would need to keep addresses confidential.

Committee Reports

Finance: The Township will not be required to layout the money for Rocky Brook. As a result, we may have some funds left. We will need to find state money to match. County has money. Site assessments on those properties where work has not started will be performed by Ms. Morelli. The projects will then be prioritized.

Signage: No report at this time.

Public Relations / Publications: No report at this time.

Legislative Awareness: No report at this time.

Planning Board / Board of Adjustment Applications: A response from the Huneke's about a trail on their property is expected at the next Planning Board meeting. Perl North and South will also be coming up shortly. The Horzepa subdivision is not on the agenda yet.

Mr. Disick made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:13 pm. Mr. Alves offered a second. All in favor.

At 9:10 pm, the Council returned to the Regular Session.

At 9:10 pm, Mr. Abilheira offered a motion to adjourn. Mr. Alves offered a second. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Naugle