

The regular meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by John Cronce, Committee Chair.

Present for this meeting were the following Committee members: George Fisher (Township Committee Liaison), Judith O'Brien, John Cronce (Committee Chair), Laurel Hills, Hal Shute (Vice Chair), Alison Sommers-Sayer, and Christine Rosikiewicz (Committee Secretary). Ernie Andreoli, Marla Ashton and Cathy Urbanski were absent.

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There were no comments from any public.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**August 13, 2013: Ms. O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Shute seconded it. Motion was approved by roll call vote with all in favor and Ms. Hills and Ms. Sommers-Sayer abstaining.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Green Acres Projects

Wooden North: Mr. Shute reported that the Township is ready for closing. The property owner is waiting on the State.

Halper: Nothing new to report.

Farmland Preservation Projects

Toll North: Mr. Cronce attended the County meeting. The Committee is awaiting appraisals from the County and approvals on encroaching the property.

Wooden South: Mr. Cronce has reached out to the property owner; this property is approximately forty-two acres.

Coleman Farm/Toll South: Mr. Cronce reported that this property will be auctioned off via sealed bid by the Township. The SADC has to ratify the bid and requires it be a fair auction and properly advertised. The Township has asked the Open Space Advisory Committee to choose the auction date. Whether the auction should be held in November 2013 or March 2014 was discussed. Mr. Cronce believes the auction should be held in March to not conflict with the contract the Township has with a hunt club. This will also prevent the possibility of prospective buyers walking the property during hunting season. Hunting season is until May but the hunting is over by March. Listing the property on the MLS site and realtor.com was suggested. The Committee discussed a date in March for the sale. Mr. Cronce asked the Secretary to draft a letter to Township Committee that the Committee recommends the auction be held after March 12, 2014. It was noted that the Township Committee needs to act within 14 days of the auction. The Committee briefly discussed which attorney should be used for the auction.

Lambert Farm: Mr. Shute will follow up on this property.

Fozman: Mr. Shute said there was nothing new to report.

Jingoli: Mr. Shute said there was nothing new to report.

Ziegenfuss: The Committee discussed this property; it is land locked. There is a nineteen foot right of way through Lambert Farm. Mr. Cronce will invite the property owner to the next Open Space Advisory Committee meeting.

Other

County Grant: Ms. O'Brien is awaiting two more items for the application; it should be completed this month.

Easement Inspections: Mr. Cronce reported that this project had been stalled but will start up again next week; they are about halfway done.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Kirilik: Mr. Cronce reached out to Mr. Kirilik regarding the possibility of preserving his property as suggested at last month's meeting. Mr. Kirilik is on the Agricultural Advisory Committee. He can remain on the Agricultural Advisory Committee but once an application for preservation is submitted he will need to resign. Mr. Kirilik is aware of this.

Hunting Program: Mr. Cronce reported that signs, indicating "no hunting" and "no trespassing", were distributed to the hunt clubs as they will be hanging them during the next few weeks.

Trails: Mr. Shute walked the Township trail in the spring and reported that it is failing. There is not enough traffic on it; trail markers were mentioned. Mr. Shute will contact Alan Hershey to solicit his help with the trail as he believes residents would enjoy it. Mr. Cronce reported that the 518 trail is being used by people both on foot and using bikes. He referenced the Rocktown Rd. trail in East Amwell Township where residents worked with D&R Greenways to create a trail.

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Mr. Sean Pfeiffer inquired if grant paperwork he had provided to the Committee for Toll South had been submitted to the State. Mr. Cronce believed it was but will check. Mr. Pfeiffer said the paperwork must be submitted prior to a sale and to check the contract with the State. There may be restrictions on the type of marketing of the property allowed. He advised that if there is a realtor's fee of any sort that should be paid separately from the sale price. Mr. Pfeiffer commented on the attorneys and provided recommendations of which should be solicited for the auction and closing.

Mr. Pfeiffer inquired about which project the County grant would be used for. Mr. Shute reported that last year's grant is still being used and there has not been a determination what this year's grant will be used for.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 8, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Ms. Hills made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18p.m. All were in favor; the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Christine A. Rosikiewicz  
Open Space Secretary