

Open Space Advisory Committee – May 8, 2012

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7.40 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Hills, Andreoli, O'Brien, Ashton, Sommers-Sayre, Shute, Cronce, Fisher (Twp. Committee Liaison)

Late Arrival: None

Absent: Kilmer

Opportunity for Public Comment

Sean Pfeiffer commented on cost approaches re: Cliff Halpec fifty acres.

By-Laws: Discussion tabled to future meeting

Budget Information will be gathered for the Open Space Trust budget as part of the public hearing for the general budget process for the Township Committee. Sommers-Sayre reported that the D&R representative advises that Green Acres has approximately \$180,000 available for projects.

Green Acres

Foran Appraisal returned and needs to be forwarded to Green Acres. The appraisal is not official until Green Acres sends a CMV. Cronce will give appraisal and invoice (\$1,200) to Township Clerk.

Thompson Fisher will reach out to owner. Property backs up to Hewitt flag lot, comes out on Route 518 and would touch water company property providing an excellent connector property to previous projects.

Bowers Shute left message and is waiting call back from Bowers.

Zuccarelli Located behind Bowers property. On hold until response from owner.

Adams Reimbursement information received. Shute will review paperwork. Project basically settled.

Farmland Preservation

Nunn Fisher and engineer will review. Soil quality on site is high. Sommers-Sayre will look into eligibility with HTLA.

Toll North County ranks site number one in the county. May 10th the Freeholders should meet and pass a resolution. The County would take the lead on this project. West Amwell would contribute a share to the costs.

Toll South Bid for tree removal was very high so Township Committee is holding off on a decision for a few months. There was a general discussion of ways to recruit a farmer to develop the land for agricultural uses.

Mountford Awaiting the ABA letter from the Township Board for the process to move forward.

County Grant Awards will not start before September at the earliest. O'Brien will follow up application process with Richardson at the County Planning department.

Trails Cronce is trying to get topic on the agenda at Parks & Recreation.

Easement Monitoring Hills will receive information on status that Glenn gathered.

New Business Sommers-Sayre reports that D&R looks to move quickly on easements on the Wooden site. She will invite the D&R representative to the June meeting.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn was made by Cronce with a second by Shute. Motion approved by voice vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9.00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 2012, 7.30 p.m.