

## **Open Space Advisory Committee – June 14, 2011**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:49 p.m.

### **Attendance**

Present: Ashton, O'Brien, Pfeiffer, Sommers-Sayre

Late Arrival: Cronce (arrived at 7:51 p.m.)

Absent: Andreoli, Fisher (Twp. Committee Liaison), Kilmer, Hess

### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

No members of the public were present.

Letter of thanks from Mayor Molnar re: Country Fair presentation was read into the record.

### **Approval of written record for 10May2011 meeting**

Deferred to next meeting.

### **Future Open Space Planning – Discussion**

Open Space Plan – Sommers-Sayre is still working on reviewing prior plan.

### **Easement Monitoring**

Update on easement monitoring activities – Cronce reported he hasn't been able to meet up with Glenn Baran regarding processes he previously used for monitoring. Pfeiffer will ask the Township Committee at their June meeting if Glenn can be made available for a meeting with Cronce.

### **Miscellaneous Project Updates**

Country Fair AAR – Presentation was successful.

Open Space Newsletter – Nothing new to report.

County Municipal Grant Application – O'Brien reported on conversations with Kevin Richardson (Hunterdon County Planning Board) and progress on application.

Open Space Map Updates – Lawson needs to be added to map. Ashton will touch base with Hess to see if she can take on more responsibility for updating the maps. Ashton will also investigate system requirements and availability of newer GIS software licenses.

### **Project Assignments**

No additional assignments were made.

### **Farmland Preservation Project Update**

- Amwell Hunt, Block 8, Lots 20 & 36, 130.36 acres, Route 179/Rock-Lamb Rd.  
(Kilmer - recused due to owning property within 200')  
Toll Brothers South, also known as West Amwell Ltd. Township Committee rejected high bid of April auction. Need to maintain farmland assessment was discussed. Cronce will take responsibility for filing farmland assessment forms again this year. Township Attorney is researching options for future sale of property, e.g. does property need to be auctioned again or could a direct sale be considered?
- Gulick III (Block 14, Lot 33.05) ~17 acres, Gulick Road  
County PIG project. Contracts signed in November, 2010. Survey has been completed.
- Nunn (Block 8, Lot 29.01) ~30 acres, Mill Road  
Liaison: Pfeiffer  
Appraisals will begin upon receipt of "green light" approval from SADC.

### **Green Acres Project Update**

- Adam (Block 32, Lot 21.01) ~22 acres, Barry Road  
Potential Fee Simple Partnership with D&R Greenway. D&R Greenway working on appraisals.
- Bowers (Block 28, Lot 26) ~21.5 acres, Goat Hill Road  
Conservation easement project. Green Acres certification of appraisal pending.
- Foran (Block 7, Lot 16.03) ~22 acres, Frontage Road.  
Potential public access easement project.
- Lawson (Block 16, Lot 6.01) 15.679 acres, Route 518.  
Green Acres has completed this fee simple acquisition. There was no municipal cost share. Catherine Drake provided surveys for the purpose of updating our maps.

### **Bill List**

No bills were received.

### **Correspondence**

League of Municipalities correspondence to Township Clerk regarding proposed constitutional amendment governing property tax assessments on preserved properties was discussed.

Correspondence from SADC confirming formal approval of the Township's farmland preservation application was discussed.

Correspondence from SADC regarding standards for wind generation facilities on preserved farms was discussed.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

No members of the public were present.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Cronic with a second by Ashton. Motion carried on voice vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 2011, 7:30 p.m.