

OPEN SPACE & AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

July 3, 2008

Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Open Space and Agriculture Advisory Committee was called to order at 8:07 P.M. Chairman John Mathieu read the following notice requirements.

Notice Requirements

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this committee or Board, and also members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over talk. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Notification of the time, date and place of this meeting has been published in the Delaware Valley News and Express Times and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, as has also been posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building at least 48 hours prior to this meeting and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Agriculture Advisory Committee

Present - Sal DeSapio, William Pandy
Cynthia Niciecki

Absent - Elaine Niemann

Open Space Advisory Committee

Present - John Mathieu
Marge Augustine
Sandra McNicol
Richard Dodds

Absent - James Burke

Approval of the June 5, 2008 Regular Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Augustine, seconded by Mr. Dodds and carried the Motion to approve the June 5, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes for the Agriculture Advisory Committee/Open Space Advisory committee.

Roll Call Vote: **Agriculture Advisory Committee**

Aye - Sal DeSapio, William Pandy
 Cynthia Niciecki
Nay - None
Abstain - None
Absent - Elaine Niemann

Open Space Advisory Committee

Aye - John Mathieu, Marge Augustine
 Sandra McNicol, Richard Dodds
Nay - None
Abstain - None
Absent - James Burke

Correspondence

For your info - Reminder of Farmland Status Meeting with municipalities is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18.

Liz Schmidt the Township's Farmland Coordinator, will be unable to attend the meeting. Cynthia Niciecki stated that she will try to attend the meeting.

Reports

PIG Progress: Liz Schmid

Liz is out of Town and unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Old Business

Clark Property, Block 33, Lot 14 - Preservation

The Committee has decided to table this till the next meeting in August.

New Business

Open Space Advisory Committee "Subdivision Plat Review Ordinance"

Sandra McNicol reviewed. The Committee discussed whether or not it would be necessary for the Open Space Committee to review the plats and applications that are submitted to the Planning Board. The Committee decided that since they are reviewed by the Environmental Commission's subcommittee, and the Planning Board members, there is no real need for Open Space to discuss them also.

Class I Minor Subdivision for Anthony Schlachter Block 9, Lot 13 - Lower Oak Grove Road Application and Plat attached

No discussion.

Boundary Line Adjustment - Brian and Heidi Diminick 201 Ridge Road - Block 5 Lot 4 Application and Plat for your review

No discussion.

William Pandy reported as one of the farmers who farms near the development of Winberry West, feels there is a problem with the drainage and property erosion, and that it is not functioning properly. There is a lot of flooding in the fields and roads. A lengthy discussion continued on this problem, and it was decided this should be brought to the attention of the Planning Board to look into further. The Committee asked Secretary Keller to write a letter to the Planning Board with concerns that the Agriculture Advis. Comm and Open Space Advis. Comm have with this problem. They would like the Planning Board to address this for future developments. Also to ask if they have a homeowners assoc., that can be contacted in reference to the storm water problem.

There was a brief discussion on the new regulations for Storm water Management.

Sandra McNicol noted that the Smart Growth grant that the Township applied for months ago, was not approved this year and that the Township will not receive a grant, but will try again next year.

Richard Dodds mentioned that the Hunterdon Land Trust requests to be on the agenda for the Open Space/Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting for August. They have a grant from the William Penn Foundation to do a five year management plan for State owned properties within a mile of the Delaware River and Hunterdon County. It is a plan to develop local stewardship Plans, and trails.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phil Lubitz, Federal Twist Road commented on the importance of a thorough review of the homeowner's plans when submitted, and to review the larger items before returning their money and signing off on a C.O. He feels it is only fair to the homeowner that purchases land in the Township.

It was moved by Richard Dodds, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 P.M. **All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Cynthia L. Keller
Secretary**