

OPEN SPACE & AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes  
October 2, 2008

**Call to Order**

A Regular Meeting of the Open Space and Agriculture Advisory Committee was called to order at 8:00 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**

Open Space Advisory Committee

John Mathieu	- Present
Sandra McNicol	- Present
Richard Dodds	- Present
Margaret Augustine	- Absent
James Burke	- Present

Agriculture Advisory Committee

Not enough present for a quorum

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the August 7, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes for the Agriculture Advisory Committee/Open Space Advisory Committee

It was moved by Richard Dodds, seconded by James Burke and carried the Motion to approve the August 7, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes for the Agriculture Advisory Committee/Open Space Advisory committee.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Open Space Advisory Committee**

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

**Correspondence**

Resolution from Township of Readington re:  
Referendum/Hunterdon County Open Space, Recreation,  
Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust

John Mathieu reviewed the information which was handed out. Mr. Mathieu suggested to the Open Space Advisory Committee, that if they feel that Kingwood should go on record as supporting the Open Space Referendum, that they should recommend to the Township Committee by letter or memo.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Richard Dodds and carried the motion to send a letter of recommendation to the Township Committee from the Open Space Advisory Committee informing them of their support of the Open Space Referendum, and that the Township Committee consider supporting the Open space Referendum by a adopting a Resolution.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye - Sandra McNicol  
John Mathieu  
Richard Dodds  
James Burke**

**Nay - None**

**Abstain - None**

**Absent - Margaret Augustine**

Letter from the NJDEP regarding improved Known Contaminated sites in our community (Kingwood Data Report - by Richard Dodds)

John Mathieu noted that he has reviewed Mr. Dodds work on this project, and asked him to discuss his Data Report. Mr. Dodds reviewed what he did so far to research the different areas where contamination was reported. Mrs. McNicol explained that the letter had come to the Environmental Commission first and was dated, June 20, 2008 from the NJDEP. She thought it would be a good idea to spread the word around, especially to the Open Space/Agriculture Advisory Committees so they know what is going on in the Township. She noted that the Environmental Commission usually receives the most updated information from the NJDEP. Mr. Mathieu noticed that none of the properties listed as being considered contaminated, are being considered for Open Space Preservation. Mr. Dodds would like to do a map in a Block and Lot form of the contaminated sites, as to keep track of the properties. Mrs. McNicol asked Mr. Dodds if he could find out the degree of these sites.

Reports

PIG Progress: Liz Schmid

There was a lengthy discussion by Liz Schmid in reference to the Dalrymple Property on State Hwy Route 12. She spoke to them about their interest in preserving the property now that their sale has fallen through. She explained that part of their property is in a highway commercial district, and that the PIG plan had eliminated that area. She noted that they would have to amend the PIG in order to take an application from them. John Mathieu discussed the physical limits of the Route 12 Commercial Zone. Jim Burke suggested that the Committee should consider whether it is worth extending the PIG Project Area to include this 50 acres in a commercial zone, and if it is better a green acre open space project rather than a PIG project. This was referred to the County for County PIG. Richard Dodds offered to print out a colored map of the PIG project plan.

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Liz reviewed several properties that she is waiting paper work to be approved by State. Liz explained that only some of the members of the Stepanovski family are interested in preserving their property, and if so they will need to subdivide.

### **Old Business**

#### **Memo of July 7, 2008 to the Kingwood Township Planning Board - regarding Stormwater Runoff on farm fields**

Sandra McNicol explained that this was discussed at the Planning Board meeting. She noted that she asked the Township Engineer to look into this situation. The Township Engineer explained that he will have wait till after the crops and the leaves were gone, he would be able to inspect the area better. Sandra will contact Mr. Decker to see if he has gotten to investigate this yet. It was decided to be discussed at the next Planning Board meeting. It will also be discussed at the next Open Space Advisory Committee meeting.

#### **Equestrian Villiage**

There was a brief discussion on the update of the villiage. Mr. Burke feels that it is best to be in the hands of the County at this time.

### **New Business**

Mr. Burke discussed speaking with the Kingwood Township Schools Board Administrator, Roberta Beriont. He said that the school has resolved the sewage treatment plant issue with the N.J.D.E.P., so they no longer need the Township's test wells on the Melnyk property. They can now continue to do a surface discharge. Mr. Burke feels that it may be a good idea to swap the back lands with the school, and stated the reasons why it would be beneficial.

### **Public Comments**

It was moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and carried the  
motion to adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ P.M. **All Voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cynthia L. Keller, RMC  
Secretary**