

OPEN SPACE & AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2011  
7:00PM

**Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Agriculture Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:18P.M. Chairman William Pandy called the meeting to order and read the following notice requirements.

**Notice Requirements**

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Star Ledger, and the Express Times on January 5, 2011. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Post Office on January 5, 2011.

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of these Committees, 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, and all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**Roll Call**

Open Space Advisory Committee

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Sandra McNicol	Karen Hertzog
John Mathieu	James Burke
Phil Lubitz	Richard Dodds
	Lee Frank

There were not enough members to have an Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting. There was an Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting and the members present on the Open Space Committee joined in on the conversation.

Agriculture Advisory Committee

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Elaine Niemann	Peter D'Costa
William Pandy	Edward Kralovich
Cynthia Niciecki	

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Also present at the meeting was Farmland Preservation Coordinator Liz Schmid.

**Presentation**

N/A

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion and Approval of September 6, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Open Space/Agriculture Advisory Committees.

It was moved by Elaine Niemann, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried to approve the meeting minutes of the September 6, 2011 Open Space Advisory and Agriculture Advisory Committees.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>-Pandy, Niciecki, Niemann</b>
	<b>Nay</b>	<b>-None</b>
	<b>Absent</b>	<b>-Ed Kralovich, Peter D'Costa</b>
	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>-None</b>

**There were not enough members for the open space committee to vote on the minutes this month.**

**Correspondence**

Letter from ANJEC to Mayor Lubitz re: \$7,000 Check Matching Contribution to Kingwood Township's Open Space & Recreation Plan Update Project - 2009 Smart Growth Planning Grant Agreement.

Chairman William Pandy reviewed.

Copy of a Letter from the New Jersey State League of Municipalities re: S-2887 Wind Turbines on Preserved Farmland, HELD - To Mayor Lubitz

Phil Lubitz explained the letter. He noted that the Senate Environmental Committee considered, but held Bill S-2887, which would allow for the construction of certain wind turbines on preserved farmland. He noted that they did not pass the Bill, but it will be posted again at a future hearing, and that it was sent back to the drawing board. He stated that it was a letter urging the Township to express opposition to S-2887. There was a brief discussion on the subject of wind turbines in the Township.

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**Reports**

Farmland Preservation - Liz Schmid  
Report for October 2011

Liz Schmid reviewed the following report for October 2011:  
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Agriculture Advisory Committee Report

October 4, 2011

1. The Appraisal on Maplewood Farm has been done, but we have received it yet.
2. The County sent out option agreements to Gross and Helmer today.
3. The Cooley's have submitted an application to Green Acres for a direct purchase. HLT is sending in a fee simple purchase to SADC. It remains to be seen which if either works out.
4. The Gordeuk Estate property (25 acres in Barbertown) has closed through HLT. HLT is pursuing Mulligan (next to Clark) and Decker (on 519 in Barbertown area). They had no luck in getting Mrs. Chaitman to consider a donation of an easement on her property.

Everyone thanked Liz Schmid for her report.

Attendees for Farmland Status Meetings/September, 2011

Liz Schmid stated that there was no CADB meeting the month of September due to the flood Crew that was there in the building.

**Old Business**

(Kugler Woods MOA)- Copy of Memorandum of Agreement

The Open Space Committee was not present.

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##### Melynk - Dedication to Be Rescheduled

There was a brief discussion on the rained out date for the dedication. Chairman William Pandy suggested a new date be scheduled for the Dedication of the Melynk Farm. All members agreed on a new date of Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 5:30PM for the Dedication. Sandra McNicol noted she will work on the Signs for the dedication to be posted.

##### Trash Handling On Open Space Properties - Follow-up

Elaine Niemann noted that the signs have been put up on the preserved properties and look great.

##### Discussion - Possible Kingwood Properties to Be Sold

The Committee noted that this has been discussed already.

##### Community Day - Follow-up Discussion

Sandra McNicol explained that she put up a triangle of displays at the Open Space and Ag table. She stated that one side was a display of the preserved farmland map, and the other side was a map of the open space properties in the Township. She stated that several people asked about hunting on the new park on Horseshoe Bend Road. There was a lengthy discussion on the trails that were worked on at the Horseshoe Bend Park on October 1, 2011. Several of the residents in Kingwood gave their time and labor to clean-up the trails so they would be cleared out for recreational use. The members talked about several suggestions they had for the trails being marked or named. There was a brief discussion on the signage for the park grounds and how it will help make the park easier to get around and follow the trails that will be marked. Everyone thanked Sandra McNicol for the great job she did setting up the table on Community Day.

##### Amendment to the Open Space and Recreation Plan - Update

Sandra McNicol noted that the Planning Board has not had a chance to review this yet, and would like this put on the agenda for next month.

##### **New Business**

##### Horseshoe Bend Park Steering Committee Meeting - Follow-up

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(Notice from Richard Dodds re: Hunting)

James Burke and Richard Dodds were not present this evening. The Ag Committee reviewed the note from Richard Dodds regarding hunting on the new Horseshoe Bend Park. It was stated that there will not be hunting at the park this year. There was a brief discussion regarding hunting on preserved property.

Horseshoe Bend Park Trail Maps - Update

All the members received new copies of the trail maps made by Richard Dodds.

Horseshoe Bend Park - Hike of October 8, 2011 at 2:00PM

There was a brief discussion on the preparation for the hike for October 8<sup>th</sup>. Sandra McNicol described the places and trails they may walk, and the distance that they may go if the weather is nice.

Elaine Niemann noted that Margaret Waldock will be retiring from the Hunterdon Land Trust. Phil Lubitz suggested that the Township do something to honor Ms. Waldock's hard work and time she gave to Kingwood Township. He stated that it would be a good idea to adopt a resolution expressing the Township's appreciation and present her with a special copy of the document. The Agriculture Advisory Committee stated they would like to recommend to the Township Committee to do a special resolution honoring Margaret Waldock.

Sandra McNicol noted that she would like to discuss open space and preservation in the township at next month's meeting.

Public Comment - Privilege of the Floor

N/A

Adjournment

It was moved by Elaine Niemann, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:28P.M. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted  
Cynthia L. Keller, Secretary