

AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Reorganization and Regular
Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2014
7:00PM

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Agriculture Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:08P.M. Secretary Keller called the Reorganization meeting to order and read the following notice requirements.

Notice Requirements

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

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	Phillip Lubitz
John Mathieu	Diana Haywood
Heather Haberle	Lee Frank
	Karen Hertzog

Agriculture Advisory Committee

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Richard Dodds	Cynthia Niciecki
William Pandy	
Susan Goeckeler	
Edward Kralovich	

There were not enough members for a quorum for the Open Space Advisory Committee this evening to participate in a meeting. The Agriculture Advisory Committee will be meeting for business this evening.

2.

Reorganize for the Agriculture Advisory Committee

Nomination for Chairperson for Agriculture Advisory

It was moved by Richard Dodds, seconded by Ed Kralovich and carried to nominate **William Pandy** Chairman to the Agriculture Advisory Committee for the year 2014.

Roll Call Vote: Aye -Dodds, Kralovich, Goeckeler
 Nay -None
 Abstain -Pandy
 Absent -Niciecki

Chairman for the Agriculture Advisory Committee William Pandy took over the meeting at this time.

Nomination for Vice Chairperson for Agriculture Advisory

It was moved by Ed Kralovich, seconded by Richard Dodds and carried to nominate **Cynthia Niciecki**, Vice Chairwoman to the Agriculture Advisory Committee for the year 2014.

Roll Call Vote: Aye -Dodds, Pandy, Kralovich,
 Goeckeler
 Nay -None
 Abstain -None
 Absent -Niciecki

Motion and approval of scheduled meeting dates for 2014

Meeting Time to be at 7:00PM

It was moved by Richard Dodds, seconded by William Pandy and carried to approve the scheduled meeting dates and time for 2014.

The following meeting dates for 2014 were approved. The meeting time will remain at 7:00PM.

January 7, 2014	June 3, 2014	Mon-November 10, 2014
February 4, 2014	July 1, 2014	December 2, 2014
March 4, 2014	No Meeting in August	
April 1, 2014	September 2, 2014	
May 6, 2014	October 7, 2014	

Roll Call Vote: Aye -Dodds, Pandy, Kralovich,
 Goeckeler
 Nay -None
 Abstain -None
 Absent -Niciecki

3.

Motion and approval of local newspapers (Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News) for advertisements

It was moved by Richard Dodds, seconded by Ed Kralovich and carried to approve the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News to be the Open Space/Agriculture Advisory Committees newspapers for advertisements for the Open Space/Agriculture Advisory Committee meetings.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	-Dodds, Pandy, Kralovich, Goeckeler
	Nay	-None
	Abstain	-None
	Absent	-Niciecki

Comments from the Newly Nominated Chairpersons

No comments.

Welcome New Members to the Committees

Everyone present welcomed the following new members:

Susan Goeckeler - Agriculture Advisory
Heather Haberle - Open Space Advisory

Approval of Minutes

Motion and approval of November 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes of the Open Space/Agriculture Advisory Committees.

Chairman William Pandy suggested that these minutes be tabled until next month for approval so that both Committees are present to vote.

Correspondence

2013-2017 New Jersey Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan - NJDEP Green Acres Program

Sandra McNicol asked the Committees if they feel a response is needed from the State. It was suggested that someone notify the State to find out if they would like feedback or comments from the Open Space and Ag Committees. Liz Schmid offered to call Pam. The Committees all agreed to review the information further and then talk about it further at the next meeting.

Reports

Farmland Preservation - Liz Schmid (Report for December 2013 and January, 2014)

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Liz Schmid reviewed the following report for January 2014:

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I was unable to get any information on the properties being worked on by HLT so I will put a question mark in front of those projects.

1. Aljam 1 and 2 - Aljam 1- (Bl 18, lot 5) 133= acres, Aljam 2 - (Block 22, lots 1, 2 and 2.08) a total of 49.78 acres.. Across the street from each other on the corner of Fitzer and Barbertown-Point Breeze Rds. **No Change**. No response from the family and a for sale sign on the property.
2. ? The Mulligan Farm (Bl 33 Lot 24) - Certified value approved by the SADC at their June meeting. He has signed a contract with HLT and received final approval from CADB. HLT is doing final contract work.
3. Helmer Farm (Bl 2, lot 5)- Mr. Helmer has agreed to the County offer, and received final approval from CADB and SADC. The contract is at County counsels office. Mr. Helmer is aware that the Township does not have funds available to fund the projects at this time. The Helmer farm has been approved for FFRP money. **NO CHANGE**
4. ? Zander Farm (Bl 5, lot 3) - Mr. Zander has agreed to the County offer, and received final approval from CADB. HLT has submitted an application for FRPP money.. The Township obligation for Zander would be about \$38,000. Because there is no township or Federal money assured at this time, the SADC has put off granting final approval. This situation is complicated by the fact that this property adjoins the other half of the farm that is in Alexandria Township. Since neither piece is large, CADB has conditioned preservation of either piece on the preservation of both. The piece in Alexandria has received final approval from SADC and the owner and the township would like to move ahead with the preservation. Our lack of funds will hold this up.
5. Decker - (Bl 24 -Lot 8) - **Nothing new**. Fee purchase through the State Green Acres program is in progress.
6. Goeckeler (Bl 30, Lot 6) - I have heard **Nothing New**. The application is still under review at the State. Maybe our new member can up-date us.

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7. Gross -Received final approval from SADC in June. Mr. Gross has signed the contract with the County, and the survey has been completed and is being reviewed. There is a FRPP application in at the State for this farm to pay the Township portion of the funding.
8. ? Marramore Inc. ((Bl 20 Lot 5) 59.38 acres - **Nothing new.** According to HLT, this is being worked on as a Green Acres direct purchase. It has also been approved for inclusion in the County PIG.
9. Maritan (Bl 33 Lot 25), 104.71 acres - **Nothing new.** Sharon Gonen, the lead heir in the estate situation, has submitted an application to Green Acres for direct purchase of this property. It adjoins the Clark property and has Lockatong frontage. They had approached SADC, but the property did not rank high enough to qualify for the farmland fee simple program. CADB rejected this property for the County PIG

Everyone thanked Liz Schmid for her report.

New Business

Copy of Resolution No. 2013-113 Hunterdon County Municipal Grant Program Allocation

Sandra McNicol explained the requirements for the need of this resolution, which is required to apply for the Hunterdon County Municipal Grant Program Allocation.

Copy of Ordinance No. 17-20-2013 Amending Chapter 94 "Open Space and Recreation Areas" of the Code of the Township of Kingwood - Rules and Regulations - Abuse of animals and natural resources

Richard Dodds explained the ordinance. He stated that this relates back to a discussion the Environmental Commission had regarding the rare butterflies found at the Horseshoe Bend Park. The Environmental Commission recommended that this ordinance be amended. He noted that this ordinance was adopted by the Township Committee on December 5, 3014.

Copy of Ordinance No. 17-21-2013 Amending Chapter 94 "Open Space and Recreation Areas" of the Code of the Township of Kingwood - Rules and Regulations - Firearms

Richard Dodds explained the need for the ordinance and how important it is to amend the ordinances as needed for the hunting programs that are now at the Ukarish property located on Union Road and the Horseshoe Bend Park property on Horseshoe Bend Road.

6.

Old Business

Hunterdon Land Trust - Activity Update

Richard Dodds gave a brief review of an update of the activities at the Horseshoe Bend Park. He noted that the orange trail, which is a trail that goes around the perimeter of the Horseshoe Bend Park is closed off by the resident who lives in the center of the park.

Richard Dodds explained that the township is in the process of discussing these issues with the NJDEP. He explained that there is also a rifle shooting range on resident's property, which is very dangerous to the park area.

Richard Dodds noted that the Church property is coming along. He explained for the new members that the township received a grant from the County to purchase the property, which is approximately 106 acres. He noted that the house on the property will be left on the property. He stated that the township is not sure what the building will be used for at this time. Richard Dodds explained that the surveys have been done. He reviewed the property on a map over the overhead projector.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding trails being built on farmland properties. Liz Schmid explained that this is not allowed on farmland preserved property.

Horseshoe Bend Park - Update

Richard Dodds briefly gave an update of the Horseshoe Bend Park earlier under Hunterdon Land Trust - Activity Update.

**Ukarish Property - Update - Resolution No. 2013-112
Authorizing Permitted Bow Hunting on Block 19, Lot 5**

Richard Dodds explained the resolution to the members. He brought up the map of the Ukarish property on the projector and explained where the bow hunting is taking place. He explained that there are only 10 hunters allowed to hunt. The hunting season is for the winter months of December through February 14th, 2014. Richard Dodds explained the plans to remove the barn off the property for safety reasons.

He explained that next door to the Ukarish property is the Kingwood Township Park. He noted that the Kingwood Township School would like to raise money to work on the existing baseball field for all organizations including the school to use.

Public Comment - Privilege of the Floor

Sandra McNicol asked that everyone let Secretary Keller know if they will not be attending meetings.

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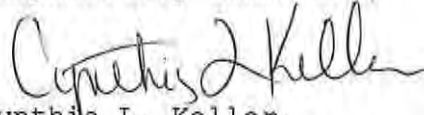
She also asked that the lists of members of both committees be forwarded to all the members for their info.

The Committee Members briefly reviewed ways for the new members to obtain information regarding the township.

Adjournment

It was moved by Richard Dodds, seconded by Ed Kralovich and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:23PM. **All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.**

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia L. Keller,
Secretary