

White Township Open Space Committee Minutes of the December 18, 2012 Meeting

Call to Order by Chairman Jason Menegus at 6:33pm on Tuesday, December 18, 2012.

- A) Followed by the Opening Statement, Pursuant to the NJ Open Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET SEQ., the Board Secretary caused notice of the meeting to be given to the public and press on December 15, 2012.
- B) Flag Salute was done by all present.
- C) Attendance was noted. Present were Chairman Jason Menegus, as well as the following members of the Committee: Nevitt Duveneck, Bob Mackey, and Dave Newhouse. Ellen Johnson, Valerie Tishuk, Nancy Bilyk were absent. There were zero members of the public present.
- D) There was a motion made by Bob Mackey to approve the agenda, seconded by Dave Newhouse. All were in favor.

E) New Business -

1) There has been an additional \$500,00 from SADC for 2013. The total now for Open Space is \$1.25 million.

2) There was a list of properties identified as qualified for farmland preservation distributed to members. Nevitt stated that SADC wants us to send out letters to the property owners regarding funding for preservation.

3) 2013 Budget Request - There was a motion by Nevitt to request \$500 for the budget for 2013, with a second by Bob Mackey. All were in favor. Secretary to submit request via email to Township Clerk.

4) Resident Brett Dalrymple received a letter from the county stating to apply to the township for a grant. He is ineligible for a county grant because he exempted 3.85 acres of his property. Bob Mackey offered to meet with Mr. Dalrymple to see if he would like to apply to the township and to invite him to the next meeting.

5) Jason thanked Nevitt for getting the PIG application in.

6) Reorganization - to be done at the next meeting on January 22, 2013.

F) Old Business -

1) White Landowner Letter - Jason completed the landowner letter and members reviewed. There was a motion to approve by Bob Mackey, with a second by Dave Newhouse. All were in favor. Jason will send the approved letter to Sam and Kathleen for approval by the Township.

Committee. He would like the letter with packets out to the landowners by February.

2) White Surplus Property - maps and lists distributed to members. The general decision is to recommend to the Township Committee to offer vacant properties to adjoining landowners, mostly. Some properties should be offered to DEP as they are landlocked by other DEP owned properties. If any vacant properties are able to be logged, then it is the recommendation of the Committee that the Township should have them logged. In addition, the Committee recommends that some property be kept by the Township in case of future building needs. Dave Newhouse raised concerns about selling the properties now due to the current real estate market.

3) Current Application and PIG Grant Updates - Walburn application is in to the state. Bullock application is unknown if it is also in to the state yet.

4) September 2012 meeting minutes will be brought up for approval and vote at the January meeting when all members are present.

G) There was a motion to adjourn at 7:32pm made by Bob Mackey, with a second by Dave Newhouse. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Andrews
Secretary