

White Township Open Space Committee Minutes of the April 24, 2012 Meeting

Call to Order by Chairperson Jason Menegus at 6:38pm on Tuesday, April 24, 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 February 16, 2012.
- B) Roll call was taken by Secretary, Tara Andrews. Present were Chairperson Jason Menegus, as well as the following members of the Committee: Nevitt Duveneck, Bob Mackey, Dave Newhouse, Valerie Tishuk, and Nancy Bilyk. Ellen Johnson was absent. Nevitt questioned why Ms. Johnson was absent.
- C) There was a motion made by Nancy Bilyk, seconded by Valerie Tishuk, to adopt the agenda for the meeting. All were in favor.
- D) There was a motion made by Valerie Tishuk, seconded by Nancy Bilyk, to discuss and approve the minutes from the March meetings. After discussion and revisions to be made, the motion was carried, with Nevitt Duveneck abstaining from the vote.
- E) Public Portion - There were no members of the public present.

- F) Old Business
 - 1) Erhardt Application - It is in. The Agricultural Advisory Committee will have to approve the application and the chairperson will need to sign and have it notarized. Once the application is signed, copies are sent to the state and county. A copy is kept at the Township as well. Jason will email Kathleen Reinalda about these copies and directions. Bob Mackey will take the application with him to bring to Kathleen on April 25, 2012. Jason suggested that the committee compile a list of appraisers used in the past to give to Land Conservancy to get quotes. Nevitt and Jason discussed appraisers and quotes. Nevitt will talk to Kathleen about them. One company was discussed as being too low on their appraisals. Jason asked if the Erhardt application will be put forth in the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting for approval. Bob Mackey stated it would be.
 - 2) Landowner Letter - Jason Menegus stated that he didn't work on it yet.
 - 3) County Meeting - The Township approved the Land Conservancy to work on the paperwork for the Erhardt, Quick, Walburn, and Bullock applications. The Quick application is questionable because of frontage and will be looked into.

- G) New Business
 - 1) The Spencer Farm qualifies for PIG. There are 24 acres. Jason gave him an application and will call him about it.
 - 2) County Meeting - Nevitt Duveneck and Jason Menegus attended the meeting. The county will give a date for the money. An SADC representative said some towns do not use their money and in those cases, the funds will be redistributed to those that do. If there is activity for a town, they will give more money. For surveys, appraisals, and titles, the state contributes 50% and the

county contributes 25%. The cost-share for the town is less than 20%. There are no programs for woods without public access. The Martin farm is closing soon. The Johnson farm heirs asked about preservation. The Otts and Johnson farms will be looked into for qualifications.

- 3) On the SADC map, Jason will follow up on an application given directly to the county.
- 4) Nancy will approach the Caprio family about preservation.
- 5) Bob will go to represent the Open Space Committee at Township Meetings in Jason's absence.

H) There was a motion made by Ellen Newhouse, seconded by Nancy Bilyk, to adjourn. The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Andrews
Secretary