

## **White Township Open Space Committee Minutes of the February 28, 2012 Meeting**

Call to Order by Chairman Jason Menegus at 6:37pm on Tuesday, February 28, 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 Chairman Jason Menegus, as well as the following members of the Committee: Ellen Johnson, Bob Mackey, Dave Newhouse, Nevitt Duveneck, Valerie Tishuk, and Nancy Bilyk. There were no members of the public present.
- C) There was a motion made by Ellen Johnson, seconded by Nancy Bilyk, to adopt the agenda for the meeting. All were in favor.
- D) There was a motion made by Valerie Tishuk, seconded by Bob Mackey, to discuss and approve the minutes from the January meeting. After lengthy discussion and revisions to be made, the motion was carried.
- E) Old Business
  - 1) Landowner Letter - Chairman Menegus made copies of existing two letters and is looking to combine them into one. Ellen Johnson stated that Nancy Bilyk had written a combined letter in the past and had given it to Ann. Nancy Bilyk stated that after she had given the letter to Ann, she hasn't seen it since. After discussion, it was decided that Jason will draft one and bring it to the next meeting as he remembers most of it.
  - 2) Erhardt Farm Application - Chairman Menegus stated the NJ Land Conservancy finalized the exception area with SADC and should be able to move forward with approval.
  - 3) Current White Township Open Space funding - There is \$95,000 in the trust fund. Per the auditor, there will be \$1.8 million to pay off all bonds in 2013. Then all monies will go into the trust. They are paying bonds at a rate of \$102,000 per year.
  - 4) PIG Application - Dave Newhouse said he recently read that the state is to allot \$10 million to farm preservation. Ellen Johnson believes it may be more than that amount.
- F) New Business
  - 1) Land Conservancy of NJ - Chairman Menegus stated that Aaron Cella is now the Land Preservation Specialist.
  - 2) White Township new farm applications - Chairman Menegus stated that Joe Bullock has completed his application and will give it to Chairman Menegus. The Quick and DeBoar applications are in process.
  - 3) There was much discussion over previous minutes of the Open Space Committee meetings and the records of such. It was the consensus of the committee that the records should be archived. Chairman Menegus stated that he will speak with Township Clerk, Kathleen Reinalda to see what she has and how far back her records go.

G) There was a motion made by Ellen Johnson, seconded by Valerie Tishuk, to adjourn. The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tara Andrews  
Secretary