

White Township Open Space Committee Minutes of the May 28, 2013 Meeting

Call to Order by Chairperson Jason Menegus at 6:33pm on Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

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 in January, 2013.

B) Flag Salute was done by all present.

C) Attendance was noted. Absent was Valerie Tishuk. Nancy Bilyk arrived at 6:39 PM, and Nevitt Duveneck left at 7:07 PM.

D) A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Ellen Johnson with a second by Bob Mackey. All were in favor.

E) A motion was made to approve the minutes with changes for the March 2013 meeting by Ellen Johnson with a second by Jason Menegus. All were in favor, with an abstention from Bob Mackey.

F) Correspondence from New Jersey Conservation Foundation

A letter was received concerning 110 acres in Harmony that they would like to purchase. Ellen Johnson motioned to not support funding for acquisition. All were in favor with an abstention from Nevitt Duveneck.

G) New Business

Landowner letter - Jason Menegus asked if any committee members received any follow up. Bob Mackey mentioned that he had one person tell him they were interested. Nancy Bilyk received phone calls from some landowners. She gave them Aaron Cela's phone number for follow up. Jason Menegus also received calls of interest. There was then discussion among committee members to give interested parties the telephone number of the county for assistance.

H) New Applications

The Spencer and Shoemaker applications are almost complete and can move forward from there. More information is needed to recommend other properties to the Township Committee. Ellen Johnson motioned, with a second from Nancy Bilyk to recommend the use of New Jersey Land Conservancy to complete applications. All were in favor.

I) Solar Farm Property

The property formerly known as the Huff farm is again for sale. The county is receptive to applications. They would like the Township to assist in preservation. There are 77 acres of this property. Jason Menegus spoke with several farmers that would be interested in farming this land. The committee is asking the Township Committee to put

this issue on their agenda for discussion. Ellen Johnson moved to make this request, with a second by Bob Mackey. All were in favor.

J) Current Applications

The contract has been signed for the Erhardt farm and the appraisals have been done for the Walburn farm.

Aaron Cela and Jason Menegus went to the Bullock farm to discuss the vehicles on the property. Mr. Bullock said the vehicle are not his and when they are gone, they won't be replaced, nor will any more be coming in. There was a motion made by Bob Mackey, with a second by Nancy Bilyk to move the Bullock application forward. All were in favor.

K) Surplus Properties

The surplus properties were discussed at the Township Committee meeting. The Open Space Committee recommendation was to sell these properties.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Nancy Bilyk with a second by Ellen Johnson. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Andrews
Secretary