

**MINUTES  
MORRIS COUNTY  
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND COMMITTEE  
30 Schuyler Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Morristown, New Jersey  
September 12, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairperson Collins.

Members present:

Julie Baron, Morris County Park Commission  
Robert Collins, Region VI - Kinnelon  
Paula Danchuk, Region III – Mount Arlington  
Louise Davis, Morris County Agriculture Development Board  
Ted Eppel, Morris County Planning Board  
Len Fariello, Region VII – Hanover  
Jasmine Lim, Region V – Parsippany-Troy Hills  
Leon Moreau, At-Large  
Kathy Murphy, Region I – Mount Olive  
Deborah Nielson, At-Large  
William O’Connor, Region VIII – Chatham Township  
Laura Szwak, Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

Members with excused absence:

Joe Donegan, At-Large  
Michael Obremski, Region II – Randolph  
Greg Poff, Region IV – Rockaway Township

Also attending:

Deena Cybulski, Director, Morris County Department of Planning & Development  
Ray Chang, Director, Morris County Preservation Trust  
Barbara Murray, Open Space Program Coordinator, Morris County Preservation Trust  
John Napolitano, Esq., Special Counsel, Morris County Open Space Trust Fund  
Robert G. Schwarz, MAI, Review Appraiser, Morris County Preservation Trust

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

Robert Collins stated that, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting had been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Len Fariello, seconded by Laura Szwak, the committee approved the minutes of the April 11, 2011 meeting as amended to show Louise Davis was not present for the entire meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Baron, Collins, Danchuk,

Eppel, Fariello, Lim, Moreau, Murphy, Nielson, O'Connor, Szwak  
Nay: None Abstain: Davis

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, the Open Space Trust Fund Committee may exclude the public to discuss matters as are provided under the Act; and

WHEREAS, said Act provided that this Committee may exclude the public from the discussion of such matters,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Open Space Trust Fund Committee hereby excludes the public in order to discuss such matters. The general nature of the subject to be discussed is as follows: Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property. On a motion by William O'Connor, seconded by Louise Davis, the committee closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session at 7:36 P.M.

### **RETURN TO MEETING**

The meeting reopened to the public at 9:36 P.M.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1) Site Visit and Final Presentation Schedule - Ms. Barbara Murray circulated the sign-up sheets for the site visits and reviewed the final presentation schedule with the committee. Ms. Murray indicated the committee's policy is to require each member to visit at least 40% of the sites to participate in deliberations. Members can visit sites on their own to attain the attendance requirement.

2) Project Status Report - Ms. Murray reviewed the list of recent and anticipated closings with the committee.

3) Amendment to Policy P-1: Requirements for Appraisals - Ms. Murray informed the committee since the application and appraisal due dates were moved up a month, it was necessary to change the "As of" date of the appraisal for applications from August 1 to July 1 of this year. The change has been made to the policy and was in effect for this funding round. On a motion by Louise Davis, seconded by Julie Baron, the committee approved the change in "As of" date for appraisals submitted with applications. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Baron, Collins, Danchuk, Davis, Eppel, Fariello, Lim, Moreau, Murphy, Nielson, O'Connor, Szwak Nay: None Abstain: None

4) Results of Subcommittee Meeting – Criteria for Evaluation of Open Space Applications – Ms. Murray stated the subcommittee met on July 18, 2011 to discuss definable, measureable open space indicators per the matrix list developed by Tony Soriano from the County Planning Board's Long Range Planning section. The subcommittee determined two key points were to 1) identify indicators that do not entail a major data collection effort; and 2) identify a manageable number of indicators. These would then need to be mapped. The following indicators were determined to meet the above criteria and have the greatest impact on the largest population: 1) preserved open space (ROSI properties); 2) ¼ mile distance to another park or preserved parcel; 3)

aquifer protection; and 4) floodplains. Ms. Murray stated the next steps were to have the data mapped and analyzed. Towns and non-profits will be encouraged to enter their open space data into the Public Land Management Theme in MCPRIMA so the analysis can be completed.

5) 20,000 Acre Event – Ms. Deena Cybulski reported the event to commemorate the preservation of 20,000 acres through the Trust Fund has been postponed. An announcement will be e-mailed once a new date has been selected.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

There will be no regular meeting in October. The committee will reconvene on the first night of applicant presentations on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 beginning at 6:30 P.M. at the County Library located at 30 East Hanover Avenue in Whippany, NJ.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by William O'Connor, seconded by Ted Eppel, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 P.M. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Murray