

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND COMMITTEE
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
April 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. by Frank Pinto

Members present:

Julie Baron, Morris County Park Commission (arrived at 7:09 P.M.)
George Coogan, At-Large
Len Fariello, Region VII – Hanover
Stu Klatzman, Morris County Planning Board
Mimi Letts, Morris Tomorrow
John Manna, Region IV - Wharton
Michael Obremski, Region II – Randolph
William O’Connor, Region VIII – Chatham Township
Laura Szwak, Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority
Joseph Weisberg, Region V – Parsippany-Troy Hills

Members with excused absence:

Robert Collins, Region VI - Kinnelon
Louise Davis, Morris County Agriculture Development Board
Joe Donegan, At-Large
Jim Rilee, Region III – Roxbury
Susan Wright, Region I – Chester Borough

Also attending:

Frank T. Pinto, Jr., Director, Morris County Department of Planning & Development
Barbara Murray, Open Space Program Coordinator, Morris County Preservation Trust
John Napolitano, Esq., Special Counsel, Morris County Open Space Trust Fund

Members of the public:

Terrence Nolan, The Trust for Public Land (departed at 7:29 P.M.)
David Epstein, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey (departed at 7:29 P.M.)
Scott Rosenbush, Morris Township Mayor (departed at 7:42 P.M.)
Charles Auffant, Esq., Rutgers Community Law Clinic, representing the Canal Society (departed at 8:07 P.M.)
Young-Ji Park, Rutgers Community Law Clinic, representing the Canal Society (departed at 8:07 P.M.)
David Zimmerman, Esq., Rutgers Community Law Clinic, representing the Canal Society (departed at 8:07 P.M.)
Brian Morrell, Canal Society of NJ (departed at 8:11 P.M.)
David Hollberg, Pequannock Township Manager (departed at 8:16 P.M.)

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Frank Pinto 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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Frank Pinto served as temporary Chairperson and took nominations for the position of Chairperson.

On a motion by Stu Klatzman, seconded by George Coogan, Joseph Weisberg was nominated for the position of Chairperson. There being no other nominations a roll call vote was taken. Aye: Baron, Coogan, Fariello, Klatzman, Letts, Manna, Obremski, O'Connor, Szwak, Weisberg Nay: None Abstain: None
Dr. Weisberg was elected Chairperson and chaired the meeting from this point forward.

On a motion by George Coogan, seconded by Julie Baron, Stu Klatzman was nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson. There being no other nominations a roll call vote was taken. Aye: Baron, Coogan, Fariello, Klatzman, Letts, Manna, Obremski, O'Connor, Szwak, Weisberg Nay: None Abstain: None
Stu Klatzman was elected Vice-Chairperson.

On a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Stu Klatzman, Laura Szwak was nominated for the position of Secretary. There being no other nominations a roll call vote was taken. Aye: Baron, Coogan, Fariello, Klatzman, Letts, Manna, Obremski, O'Connor, Szwak, Weisberg Nay: None Abstain: None
Laura Szwak was elected Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by George Coogan, seconded by Stu Klatzman, the committee approved the minutes of the March 3, 2010 meeting. A roll call vote was taken.
Aye: Coogan, Fariello, Klatzman, Letts, Obremski, Szwak (abstain on executive session for South Branch Headwaters), Weisberg
Nay: None Abstain: Baron, Manna, O'Connor

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Disclosure Forms – Ms. Barbara Murray reminded the committee that two copies of the financial disclosure form, each with an original signature, were due to the County Clerk's office by no later than April 30, 2010. Ms. Murray referred members to the Department of Community Affairs website in order to obtain the downloadable form.

NEW BUSINESS - CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Stu Klatzman, the committee closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:26 P.M.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

- 1. Trust for Public Land/South Branch Headwaters: On a motion by George Coogan, seconded by Stu Klatzman, the committee voted to approve an amendment to the grant agreement to permit TLC-NJ as the final owner of the property instead of NJCF. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Baron, Coogan, Fariello, Klatzman, Letts, Manna, Obremski, O’Connor, Szwak, Weisberg Nay: None Abstain: None

(At this point, Laura Szwak left the meeting room.)

- 2. Canal Society of New Jersey/Morris Canal Greenway-Allamuchy: On a motion by George Coogan, seconded by Mimi Letts, the committee voted to approve a first six-month grant extension for the project. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Baron, Coogan, Fariello, Klatzman, Letts, Manna, Obremski, O’Connor, Weisberg
Nay: None Abstain: None

(At this point, Laura Szwak returned to the meeting room.)

- 3. Township of Pequannock/Woodland Lake Park Extension: On a motion by Mimi Letts, seconded by Len Fariello, the committee voted to approve a first six-month grant extension for the project. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Baron, Coogan, Fariello, Klatzman, Letts, Manna, Obremski, O’Connor, Szwak, Weisberg
Nay: None Abstain: None

- 4. On a motion by Mimi Letts, seconded by Laura Szwak, the committee voted to approve a first six-month grant extension for the following projects:
 - Township of Montville/Starkey Park
 - Township of Jefferson/Castlerock Preserve
 - Township of Denville/Kovacs Property
 - Township of Roxbury/Landing Recreation Project
 - Borough of Florham Park/Passaic River Greenway
 - Borough of Kinnelon/Weber Tract
 A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Baron, Coogan, Fariello, Klatzman, Letts, Manna, Obremski, O’Connor, Szwak, Weisberg Nay: None Abstain: None

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2010 in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Offices of Planning & Development, located at 30 Schuyler Place, Schuyler Annex Building, in Morristown, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mimi Letts, seconded by Stu Klatzman, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Murray