

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND COMMITTEE
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor Conference Room, Morristown, New Jersey
September 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairperson Watson.

Members present:

Ted Eppel, Morris County Planning Board
Janet Foster, Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Review Board
Larry Gindoff, Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority
Greg Keller, Morris County Agriculture Development Board
Don Kuser, Region IV – Denville
Leon Moreau, At-Large
Deborah Nielson, At-Large
Diana Orban Brown, Region II – Mendham Township
William Roehrich, Region I – Washington Twp.
Stephen Shaw, Region V – Mountain Lakes
Mark Taylor, Region VIII – Florham Park
Kathy Valva, Region III - Jefferson
Rick Watson, Region VII – Morris Township
Kim Wentworth, Morris County Park Commission

Members with excused absence:

Robert Purnell, Region VI – Montville

Also attending:

Deena Leary, Director, Morris County Department of Planning & Public Works
Christine Marion, Director, Morris County Division of Planning & Preservation
Barbara Murray, Open Space Program Coordinator, Morris County Division of Planning & Preservation
John Napolitano, Esq., Special Counsel, Morris County Preservation Trust Fund
Robert G. Schwarz, MAI, Review Appraiser, Morris County Preservation Trust Fund

Members of the Public:

Richard Plambeck, Vice-Chairman, Passaic River Coalition (departed at 6:50 P.M.)

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Rick Watson 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 Bill Roehrich, seconded by Deborah Nielson, the committee approved the minutes of the March 19, 2014 meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Eppel, Foster, Gindoff, Kuser, Moreau, Nielson, Orban Brown, Roehrich, Taylor, Valva, Watson, Wentworth Nay: None Abstain: Keller, Shaw

On a motion by Stephen Shaw, seconded by Mark Taylor, the committee approved the regular and closed session minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Eppel, Gindoff, Kuser, Nielson, Orban Brown, Roehrich, Shaw, Taylor, Valva, Watson, Wentworth Nay: None Abstain: Foster, Keller, Moreau

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 Mark Taylor, seconded by Bill Roehrich, the committee closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session at 6:35 P.M.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 9:13 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Actions as a Result of Closed Session

1) Second grant extensions:

a. Passaic River Coalition/“River Road Lots”

On a motion by Stephen Shaw, seconded by Mark Taylor, the committee recommended approval of a second grant extension for the project. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Eppel, Foster, Gindoff, Keller, Kuser, Moreau, Nielson, Orban Brown, Roehrich, Shaw, Taylor, Valva, Watson, Wentworth

Nay: None Abstain: None

b. NJ Conservation Foundation/“Drakestown Preserve Addition-Biggiani J”

On a motion by Mark Taylor, seconded by Ted Eppel, the committee recommended approval of a second grant extension for the project. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Eppel, Foster, Gindoff, Keller, Kuser, Moreau, Nielson, Orban Brown, Roehrich, Shaw, Taylor, Valva, Watson, Wentworth

Nay: None Abstain: None

2) Appraisals:

a. Township of Boonton/“Hillcrest Woods”

On a motion by Mark Taylor, seconded by Leon Moreau, Robert Schwarz, MAI

was authorized to perform an appraisal on the project to determine Morris County's Accepted Market Value (AMV) for potential cost share. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Eppel, Foster, Gindoff, Keller, Kuser, Moreau, Nielson, Orban Brown, Roehrich, Shaw, Taylor, Valva, Watson, Wentworth
Nay: None Abstain: None

b. Township of Jefferson/"Beasley Ridge"

On a motion by Stephen Shaw, seconded by Janet Foster, Robert Schwarz, MAI was authorized to perform an appraisal on the project to determine Morris County's Accepted Market Value (AMV) for potential cost share. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Eppel, Foster, Gindoff, Keller, Kuser, Moreau, Nielson, Orban Brown, Roehrich, Shaw, Taylor, Watson, Wentworth
Nay: None Abstain: Valva

c. Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills/"Waterview Project"

On a motion by Mark Taylor, seconded by Ted Eppel, Robert Schwarz, MAI was authorized to perform an appraisal on the project to determine Morris County's Accepted Market Value (AMV) for potential cost share. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Eppel, Foster, Gindoff, Keller, Kuser, Moreau, Nielson, Orban Brown, Roehrich, Shaw, Taylor, Valva, Watson, Wentworth
Nay: None Abstain: None

- 3) Site Visit and Final Applicant 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.
- 4) Report of Recent Trust Fund Closings - Ms. Murray reviewed the list of recent and anticipated closings with the committee.

NEXT MEETING DATE

There will be no regular meeting in October. The committee will reconvene for applicant presentations on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 beginning at 6:30 P.M. at the County Library located at 30 East Hanover Avenue in Whippany, NJ.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Kathy Valva, seconded by Don Kuser, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 P.M. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Murray