

Open Space Committee

Andover Township

November 27, 2007

The Chairman, Dan Freed, opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Present were members Dan Freed, Diane Gillespie, Carla Kostelnik, Michael Morel, Cece Pattison (Alternate), Gail Phoebus, Mary Grace Rudolph. Absent: Lois deVries. Also present: Sandy Urgo, Outreach Consultant, Morris Land Conservancy; Mary Spector, Secretary.

The Chairman called for the roll call, flag salute and OPMA statement.

Minutes: A motion was made by Gail, seconded by Diane, to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2007 meeting. In favor: Diane, Gail, Dan. Opposed: None. Abstained: Cece, Carla, Mike, Mary Grace. Motion carried.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by Gail, seconded by Diane, to adopt the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Executive session: A motion was made by Gail, seconded by Mike, to go into executive session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss matters of active property acquisitions. In favor: Cece, Diane, Gail, Carla, Mike, Mary Grace, Dan. Opposed: None. Motion carried. The Committee came out of executive session at 9:05 p.m. The Chairman thanked Sandy Urgo of the Morris Land Conservancy for her input.

Historic Site Listing: Carla noted they have the list of historic sites in the Township from the Master Plan and a list from Wayne McCabe. She thought they would not find other places to add to the list. Dan stated there may be some listings that are not current and could be removed.

Open Space Plan: Dan noted revisions to the project schedule. Morris Land Conservancy has asked for an extension of time to prepare the final document. The draft will not be completed until January 15, 2008. The deadline for applications for historic preservation grants is Feb. 15th. Morris Land Conservancy told Dan they would submit the draft Open Space Plan with the historic preservation grant application. Dan suggested moving the public hearing until the meeting of Feb. 26, 2008 because the Committee will need time to review the Plan. He noted comments made at the public hearing will be incorporated into the final document.

The Committee reorganization meeting is scheduled for Jan. 3, 2008. The Committee consensus was to cancel the meeting scheduled for Dec. 17, 2007. The Committee Secretary will continue in that position in 2008.

Survey Results: Dan reported that 77 copies of the open space survey form were submitted. Of these 55 were filled out correctly. He distributed a table he had compiled showing the results. The highest priority was drinking water; second was land for recreation. He noted there were a

range of comments. Mike asked about the surveys that were filed out incorrectly. Dan stated some of these were signed and it might be possible to follow up and get corrected forms.

Open Space Map: A copy of the proposed Open Space Map was on display. Dan noted the Committee needs to make comments and corrections to the map. This map will be in the Planning Dept. office and copies will be circulated to all members.

Use of GIS Technology: Dan stated he would like to keep GIS technology as a topic for the Committee to think about in the coming year. He would like all members to become familiar with it as it can be a valuable tool.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Phoebus, to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Submitted by Mary Spector, Secretary