

Open Space Committee

Andover Township

March 25, 2008

The Chairman, Dan Freed, opened the meeting at 7:40 pm. Present were members Lois deVries, Dan Freed, Diane Gillespie, Carla Kostelnik, Michael Morel, Mary Grace Rudolph. Absent: Alex Gilseman. Also present: Sandy Urgo, Outreach Consultant, Morris Land Conservancy; Mary Spector, Secretary.

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Mary Grace, seconded by Lois, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2008 meeting. In favor: Mary Grace, Diane, Lois, Carla, Dan. Opposed: None. Abstained: Mike. Motion carried.

Adoption of Agenda: Sandy Urgo referred to item #8 on the agenda. She noted it would be more accurate to use the term "acquisition" rather than "planning." A motion was made by Lois, seconded by Mike, to adopt the agenda as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public. Bill Howell referred to the piece of equipment on the Lake Iliff property that was mentioned at the Township Committee meeting the night before. He stated it looks to him like an ice-cutting device. Sandy noted she had been told it was a dock. Dan stated that no one at the Township Committee meeting objected to it.

Open Space Final Plan: Dan stated the Open Space final plans have been received. He noted the document is a valuable guidepost for the Committee and they should make it a working document, using it to generate ideas and action plans. He noted two sets of the Open Space Plan maps are in the Township's possession.

There was discussion about the maps. Lois noted the Environmental Commission has maps that are to be put in the meeting room. She would like to see those maps laminated and framed for display along with the Open Space maps. Carla suggested hanging the maps in one location. Diane noted they could be hung as in a carpet store or an art store. Dan suggested they bring ideas for the maps for discussion at the next meeting. He asked Lois to determine how many Environmental Commission maps there would be.

Dan stated he will attend the next Land Use Board meeting to answer questions about the Plan and discuss it with the Board. He will send CDs of the plan out to Board members prior to the meeting. He asked the Open Space Committee members to reread the Plan prior to the next Committee meeting.

Executive session: A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Lois, to go into executive session at 8:00 pm. to discuss matters of active property acquisitions. In favor: Mary Grace, Mike, Diane, Lois, Carla, Dan. Opposed: None. Motion carried. The Committee came out of

executive session at 9:20 pm. on a motion by Mike, seconded by Diane. All in favor. Motion carried.

Review of Action Items and Planning Activities: Sandy pointed out the Sussex County Open Space grant application is due in August. The Committee should let her know of possible properties to be considered for this grant. Dan stated the Committee needs to begin working with the Plan. He asked that they think about what they want to do toward accomplishing their goals in addition to land acquisition. Sandy encouraged members to become familiar with the Plan. She noted it is a great resource and a necessary item for obtaining funds.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Carla, seconded by Diane, to adjourn at 9:28 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Submitted by Mary Spector, Secretary