

Open Space Committee

Andover Township

May 28, 2008

The Chairman, Dan Freed, opened the meeting at 7:35 pm. Present were members Lois deVries, Dan Freed, Diane Gillespie, Carla Kostelnik, Michael Morel. Absent: Alex Gilsenan, Mary Grace Rudolph. 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 Lois, seconded by Diane, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2008 meeting. In favor: Lois, Dan, Diane, Carla. Opposed: None. Abstained: Mike. Motion carried.

Adoption of Agenda: Dan noted a presentation on GIS is to be added to the agenda after the budget discussion. A motion was made by Diane, seconded by Carla, to adopt the agenda as amended. 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 Lois, seconded by Mike, to go into executive session at 7:40 pm. to discuss matters of active property acquisitions. In favor: Lois, Dan, Diane, Carla, Mike. Opposed: None. Motion carried. The Committee came out of executive session at 8:45 pm.

MLC Consulting Contract: Dan reported that the Morris Land Conservancy Consulting contract was approved by the Township Committee for one year.

Open Space Committee Budget: Dan stated he will get a complete breakdown of expenses from the Finance Office. He noted there are commitments for funding above and beyond the open space tax.

GIS Information and Demonstration: The benefit of the County GIS program, Dan explained, is that it contains parcel information for the entire county. He noted the County is planning to implement a new version but he has the current version to demonstrate to the Committee in order to learn to work with it. He demonstrated how to locate Andover Township and a specific block and lot within the Township.

Green Acres Application: This topic was covered by Sandy during the Executive Session. Dan noted it is important to focus on properties located within each member's assigned territory. Diane explained to Mike who was absent at the last meeting how the Committee members had taken a particular area of the Greenways Map with which to become familiar. She noted Mike had been assigned the Perona Greenways parcel.

Action Items and Planning Activities: Dan suggested that at each of the next few meetings some members could report on their particular area. Carla asked whether there is a place at Town Hall where members could store information that they are collecting. Dan stated they will have to think about how to manage the information that is gathered by the Committee. He would also like to get information up on the Township website. Carla noted she obtained information from the Township tax maps. Lois and Carla agreed to present their reports at the next meeting.

Dan reported that Mike had submitted some information on display mechanisms for the maps. He noted it will be expensive to provide these displays. The Committee will continue to investigate various means.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Carla, seconded by Mike, to adjourn at 9:20 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Submitted by Mary Spector, Secretary