

Andover Township
Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2010

Chairperson Carla Kostelnik opened the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

The Chair led the flag salute, read aloud the OPMA statement, and the secretary conducted roll call.

Present were OSC members Ed Burgio, Diane Gillespie, Marc Gore, Carla Kostelnik, and Christine Kretzmer, and alternate Laura Gilsonan. Also present was Angela Thies, OSC secretary. Debbie Danielson and alternate Karl Krummel were excused absent; absent was Michael Lensak.

Approval of the Minutes of July 27, 2010: Christine Kretzmer motioned to approve the minutes of July 27, seconded by Ed Burgio, approved by all and so moved.

Adoption of August 24, 2010 Agenda: A motion was made by Laura Gilsonan to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Ed Burgio, all in favor, motion carried.

Open to the Public: The chair opened the meeting to the public. There were no members of the public present.

Improvements to Lake Iliff Access/Signage: Chair Kostelnik advised that Green Acres signage (arranged for by Sandy Urgo of TLC-NJ) had been posted on the Lake Iliff access property. Two tires previously dumped on the site have since been removed and the township posted "No Dumping" signage. Chair Kostelnik said she'd attended the last township committee meeting and advised that Committeewoman Gail Phoebus was in favor of getting the Boy Scouts involved in creating benches [from natural material] and perhaps a new gate for the property. The township also expressed interest in improving the parking area on the site (dispersing the existing gravel there or possibly adding more).

Discussion ensued over the unlawful use of the Lake Iliff Access property by neighboring families. Motorized vehicles have been seen on the property and there is evidence that a portion of the property has been mowed/maintained. Since motorized vehicles/equipment/tools of any kind are prohibited on the property (designated as wetlands), it was the consensus of committee members present to suggest the Township Committee request an officer be sent to neighboring properties to advise of the property's new designation and the rules and regulations now governing the site. OSC committee members said that as liaison to both the township committee and police department Mike Lensak should contact the department to request an officer be assigned to address the committee's concerns. Because Mike was absent from tonight's meeting, Chair Kostelnik said she would bring this matter to the attention of the Township Committee.

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Discussion moved to signage for identification of the Lake Iliff Access property. It was the consensus of members present to provide the public with single, comprehensive signage/information as opposed to littering the site with multiple signs. The sign should be tasteful in appearance, enclosed within a plexiglass case. It should be both informational and instructional with regard to rules (e.g., posting of hours the site is open to the public, carry in/carry out trash rules, prohibition of motorized vehicles, etc).

Committee members brainstormed ideas on how to advertise the availability of the new lake access. Ideas included mention in the township newsletter, in the mayor's email, and in Straus Newspaper's *The Township Journal*. Chair Kostelnik will prepare a first draft to which committee members can provide additional comment prior to publication.

Historic Site Signage: With a unanimous show of hands, the OSC members present voted in favor of assisting the township's Historic Committee with the cost of signage to designate historic sites, including local cemeteries. Chair Kostelnik will extend an invitation to historic committee members to attend the September OSC meeting for the purpose of identifying specific sites/signs needed.

Executive Session:

Ed Burgio motioned to enter into executive session at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Christine Kretzmer, all in favor and so moved. Executive session was being convened for the purpose of discussing contracts and prospective land acquisition opportunities.

The committee came out of executive session at 8:57 p.m. on a motion from Ed Burgio, seconded by Diane Gillespie, all in favor and so moved.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Adjournment: Ed Burgio motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Christine Kretzmer, with all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Thies
Secretary, Open Space Committee