

Andover Township
Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2010

Chairperson Carla Kostelnik opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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

Present were OSC members **Debbie Danielson**, Diane Gillespie, Marc Gore, and Carla Kostelnik; Christine Kretzmer arrived late at 8:15 p.m. Also present was Angela Thies, OSC secretary. Absent were members Michael Lensak and Ed Burgio, and alternates Laura Gilseman and Karl Krummel.

Approval of the Minutes of August 24, 2010: Initially, approval of the minutes was to be postponed due to lack of a quorum, but with Christine Kretzmer's later attendance, approval of the minutes was revisited toward the end of the meeting. Diane Gillespie noted that the minutes should be amended to reflect that she and Marc Gore abstained from voting on approval of the July meeting minutes because they were not in attendance at said meeting. Christine Kretzmer motioned to approve the minutes of August as amended, seconded by Marc Gore, approved by all except Debbie Danielson who abstained because she was not present at July's meeting; so moved.

Adoption of September 28, 2010 Agenda: Angela Thies noted a correction was needed to the agenda to change the reference date of the August meeting minutes from August 23 to the correct date of August 24. Diane Gillespie requested that a discussion on Open Space finances/spending and the canceled contract with TLC-NJ be added to Executive Session topics. A motion was made by Diane Gillespie to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Debbie Danielson, 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.

Chair Kostelnik reported that, due to a shortfall in the Township's budget of approximately \$60,000, the Township Committee is considering plans to use Open Space funds to maintain existing parks/fields. Open Space members agreed that fields/parks purchased with Green Acres funding indeed qualified for Open Space funding to cover the cost of the township's DPW to provide grounds maintenance.

Improvements to Lake Iliff Access/Signage: Members agreed to assign duties to OS members in order to more effectively meet clean-up and signage responsibilities at the Lake Iliff site. Duties assigned were as follows: (1) Carla will ask Ed Burgio to reach out to the Boy Scouts to see if any Eagle Scouts might be interested in constructing benches (of natural material) for the site; (2) Marc Gore will talk to the Girl Scouts to see if they might be able to assist with the removal of invasive species [including loose strife] on the site as part of a badge project **and**

will also approach Hope Bank about the possibility of getting some of their people to volunteer for the same purpose; (3) Carla will research options to replace the existing [entrance] gate with a better one; (4) Diane Gillespie will research the purchase of a plexiglass encasement for signage/postings; (5) Carla will communicate to Mike Lensak/Twp Committee the continued need to address the unlawful use of the Lake Iliff Access property by neighboring families; (6) Debbie Danielson will ask the Cub Scouts if they would be interested in building some bird houses for the site; if that fails she may see if she can obtain the services of a local senior group to do it; Carla agreed to find out more about the native bird species and their housing needs.

Historic Site Signage: Chair Kostelnik extended an invitation to the township's historic committee members to attend tonight's OSC meeting for the purpose of identifying specific sites/signs needed by them, but no one responded to the invitation. There currently are no plans to pursue the matter.

Executive Session:

Debbie Danielson motioned to enter into executive session at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Diane Gillespie, all in favor and so moved. Executive session was being convened for the purpose of discussing contracts and land acquisition opportunities, the use of Open Space funds to support the maintenance of parks and fields, and the canceling of the township's contract with TLC-NJ.

The committee came out of executive session at 9:05 p.m. on a motion from Debbie Danielson, seconded by Christine Kretzmer, all in favor and so moved.

New Business: A change of meeting date was agreed: the November 23rd meeting date will be changed to Tues., November 30th to accommodate members' Thanksgiving Day schedules.

Old Business: None.

Adjournment: Diane Gillespie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Debbie Danielson, with all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Thies
Secretary, Open Space Committee