

FEBRUARY 8, 2011
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Chairperson Ed Burgio.

OPENING STATEMENT: The Chair of the Recreation Committee and the Vice Chair of the Open Space Commission noted compliance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 as being met.

FLAG SALUTE

JOINT MEETING WITH OPEN SPACE COMMISSION: At this time Recreation Chair Ed Burgio called for a motion to go into Joint Meeting with Open Space Commission. Mike Morel made the motion and Brian Robinson seconded the motion, all in favor.

Open Space Vice Chair Mike Morel called for a motion to go into Joint Meeting with Recreation Committee. Gail Phoebus made the motion and Ed Burgio seconded the motion, all in favor.

ROLL CALL

Chair Burgio asked for a roll call for the following Recreation Committee: the following members were present: Ed Burgio, Mike Morel, Brian Robinson, Jodi Halteman, Maechele Alborano, Sabrina Burke. Janet Bardello was absent.

Vice Chair Mike Morel asked for a roll call for the Open Space Commission: the following members were present: Mike Morel, Ed Burgio, Karl Krummel and Gail Phoebus. Carla Kostelnik and Christine Kretzmer were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chair Burgio and Vice Chair Morel asked for approval of the agenda for the joint meeting. Mike Morel moved the motion and Gail Phoebus seconded for Open Space and Mike Morel moved the motion and Brian Robinson seconded the motion for Recreation.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Discussion of Beezer Property re fields: At this time Gail Phoebus gave the members an overview of a recent presentation that was given at a Township Committee meeting by Trust for Public Lands. The property which is known as the Beezer Property a 280 acre site that falls mostly in Andover Borough with a very small portion located in Andover Township was discussed. The idea was to potentially look into purchasing this property and then developing athletic fields. Trust for Public Lands is approaching the neighboring municipalities, Andover Township, Green Township and Byram Township to see if they have any interest in pursuing this endeavor.

Unfortunately the 280 acre site has a lot of environmental constraints and the portion of land that falls in Andover Township falls into that category. A reason to potentially support this plan would be that it would be a better use than developing it with single family as well as any other type of residential housing which would impact the Andover Regional School system by adding a tremendous amount of students. Unfortunately the price of the property is quite high and it does have a great deal of environmental constraints. Getting the four municipalities to get on board with interest and funding would be quite a task. Ms. Phoebus also mentioned that one important detail of this property is that it is already approved for a high density waste water management plant. That is quite an asset. We all agreed that it is something to keep appraised of but no action would be taken by Andover Township at this time.

2. Possible improvements to Lake Iliff Access site: Next Mike Morel reported that Carla Kostelnik, Chair for Open Space, said she would mark out the invasive species of plants at the Lake Iliff Access property off of Limecrest Road so that the Sussex County SLAP program could begin clearing as they will be in the township on other projects. The SLAP program will also be clearing the trail from Hillside Park up to the tunnel at Newton-Sparta Road. There was a question as to how far we can go with clearing the trail after the tunnel due to a question with the Developer's Agreement with Sussex & Warren re the Mulford Road development. The developer is giving the township the portion of land that the trail will be on through their property but the maps have not been filed yet which might call for a new deed to be done and then there is the question as to who pays for the preparation of the deed and so on. After some discussion, it was determined that we should just make sure that we are on the list for SLAP and we might just have to have the clearing stop at the tunnel and not any further until the question of the deed is clarified.

Gail Phoebus stated how important it is for us to get our letter requesting assistance from SLAP done and delivered asap. Any municipality in the county is eligible for their assistance so time is of the essence in making our request. This will be done this week.

We briefly discussed the input from Dennis Rupp, Eagle Scout candidate, with help possibly from Diane Gillespie on improving the Lake Iliff property by adding some benches, bird and bat houses, description signage for the different types of plant species growing there, etc. Diane is no longer participating with any township boards or committees but she might still want to be involved with a project of this type. Mike Morel was going to speak with the Eagle Scout candidate to determine if he is still looking to work on this project and then we can approach Diane to see if she will be willing to give her input. Obviously the site needs to be cleared before any type of project can begin.

3. Finding Financial resources for improvements: A brief discussion followed re the Open Space Tax. Gail Phoebus stated that the Open Space Committee needs to send a letter to the Township Committee stating whether they want the Open Space Tax to remain at one cent or increased. With it at one cent it results in approximately \$60,000 to \$65,000 per year. Gail Phoebus suggested that it remain at one cent, especially in this economy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public was in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT: At this time with no further business to discuss, Vice Chair Mike Morel called for a motion to adjournment the Joint Meeting of Open Space and Recreation. Ed Burgio made the motion and it was seconded by Karl Krummel. Chair Ed Burgio called for a motion to adjourn the Joint Meeting of Recreation and Open Space. Mike Morel made the motion and Brian Robinson seconded it. All in favor.

The Joint Meeting of Recreation and Open Space came to a close at 8:00 pm.

The Recreation Committee continued with their regular meeting business.

MINUTES: Mike Morel made a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2011. Maechele Alborano seconded the motion, all in favor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public was present to be heard.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT:

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| 1. NJHerald & Daily Record & Star Ledger | 2011 Meeting Resolution |
| 2. Mayor & Committee | Recommendations for Alternate Positions |

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

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| 1. William Clark | Application for alternate membership |
| 2. Township Clerk | Letters and oaths of appointment
For Maechele Alborano and
Sabrina Burke and Recreation
Committee Roster for 2011
And copy of Resolution #R2011-
33 re rental and security deposit
Fees for Hillside Park Hall and
Hillside House for 2011 |
| 3. Highland Soccer Club | Note and check for donation
Toward field maintenance |

We reviewed Correspondence Sent and Received. We were hoping to have Bill Clark at our meeting tonight. The Director will contact him to see if there was a communication problem. We look forward to meeting with him at our next meeting. Maechele and Sabrina took their oaths and are officially Alternate members 1 and 2 respectfully.

We commented on receiving the \$300.00 check from the Highlands Soccer Club to go toward field maintenance. We have received checks from 3 organizations to date and expect to be getting more and the spring sports season draws closer

At this time, Mike Morel made a motion to file all Correspondence. Brian Robinson seconded the motion, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion re status of trail from Hillside Park to Mulford Road – Funding and approval for attorney to proceed with deed showing easement. This was discussed at our Joint Meeting with the Open Space Commission prior to this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion re Joint Meeting with Open Space: We all agreed that we accomplished what was necessary in meeting with Open Space. We are all on the same page and should be able to continue a great working relationship with them.
2. Meeting with Bill Clark regarding the position of Alternate membership:
We hope to have him present at the next meeting.
3. New procedure for obtaining keys to park buildings from ATPD Dispatch: It was determined that a new procedure to obtain the keys for the hillside park hall and house from the applicants renting it from police dispatch was necessary due to a recent problem with a rental whereby applicants did not file proper paperwork or payment prior to their use of the Hillside Park Barn and still got the keys to the building from dispatch. We needed to have a procedure that would require proof that the people asking for the keys actually have gone through the approval process by the Recreation Committee. The new plan is for the approved applicants to present a copy of the approved application to the Dispatch desk in order to be given the key. The Director will inform the Police Chief of this new procedure and it will be in place for the upcoming rental season.
4. Any discussions brought before the Committee by members present: We discussed our plans for the movie night on Labor Day weekend. Township Committeeman, Tom Walsh mentioned that he heard that we might be able to get use of a large, outdoor movie screen from Sustainable New Jersey. Ed Burgio contacted Christine Kretzmer, Chair of the Environmental Commission and she called to say she is going to be attending a meeting for Sustainable New Jersey in the very near future and she will look into this for us. The Director also mentioned that she was contacted by a gentleman who is the head of the Kittatinny Rangers, an area square dance club and he expressed interest in holding a square dance prior to our movie night on Labor Day weekend. Everyone agreed this would be a great family style addition. The Director will work out the details. The Rec Committee can handle the grill and keep proceeds to defray the cost of the day and the scouts can handle the snack food and keep the proceeds. We have time to fine tune this.

APPLICATIONS:

1. March 5th - Eichinger – Birthday Party – Fee - \$400.00
2. March 19th - Ed Dicklich – Wedding – Fee - \$300.00 (twp. employee)
3. June 3rd & 4th –Flinchum – Wedding – Fee - \$400.00 plus \$150.00 for prior day
4. Aug. 13th - Newton HS Reunion/Drag – Fee - \$200.00

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, Mike Morel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. It was seconded by Brian Robinson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Burgio, Chairperson

Jackie Huelbig, Secretary