

**OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2006**

At 7:36 pm, Ms. Butch called the meeting to order.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Abilheira, Butch, Denardo, Disick, Morelli, Siedman, Wingerter

Late: Alves (8:00)

Absent: Mullarkey, Romano

**Public Comment**

The public comment portion of the meeting was opened at 7:37 pm. Mr. Ron Rogalsky, 2 Autumn Court, voiced concerns about bowhunting at the last Township Committee meeting and came to follow-up on the status of hunting on Hickory Drive. He voiced the following concerns:

- ◆ Hunters are parking in the cul-de-sac near a bus stop
- ◆ Too many hunters are coming. He was told there would be only two hunters but has learned that there are three assigned to the property. A back-up list is used when these hunters are not hunting.
- ◆ Deer are not a problem in this area. There is hunting pressure on neighboring property due to individuals and a hunting club.
- ◆ The area is being hunted by hunters from all over the state.

Mr. Rogalsky asked the Council to recognize this area is not well suited for the program and requested that it be removed from the list.

Mr. Wingerter commented that several residents attended the last Township Committee meeting. The Committee agreed that parking in the cul-de-sac should be eliminated. A letter requesting permission to park on Cook Court will be sent to the property owner.

Mr. Abilheira commented that UBNJ has been asked to stay to the back half of the public land. He also stated that UBNJ hunters will report illegal hunting activity. He also disagreed with Mr. Rogalsky regarding the duration of the season. He feels 6 months is needed due to the damage being caused by the deer overpopulation.

Ms. Butch assured Mr. Rogalsky that his comments would be documented and passed along to the Township Committee.

The public comment portion of the meeting was closed at 8:00 pm, and then reopened at 8:07 pm.

Mr. Frank D'Amico, 810 Perrineville Road, attended the meeting with Ms. Kaiser. According to Mr. D'Amico, Ms. Kaiser has had a farmland preservation application pending for over three years. They attended a meeting several months ago and nothing has happened.

Mrs. Butch explained the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) situation and that we have approximately twenty properties under contract and four properties on a list waiting for additional funding. She assured them that the Council has not taken any small pieces of property since they attended the meeting. The only properties considered have been those over 100 acres.

Mrs. Morelli and Ms. Kaiser exchanged contact information. Mrs. Morelli will contact her this weekend to set up a site evaluation appointment.

The public comment portion of the meeting was closed at 8:12 pm.

### **Correspondence**

There was no new correspondence received this month.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Wingerter made a motion to approve the minutes of August 24, 2006, and Mr. Denardo offered a second. All in favor.

### **Old Business**

- ◆ Trails – Ms. Butch met with Ms. Lisa Spaziano regarding the trail map corrections. The revised map should be complete next week. The allowable uses for each trail still need to be documented. For many of the trails, the allowable uses will be determined by the type of funding received. For trails received from developers, the allowable uses have already been designated.
- ◆ Millstone Day – The Council raised \$419 through donations and the money booth. Ideas for next year include the bucking bronco and a BBQ.
- ◆ Open Space Tax Campaign – Mr. Wingerter reviewed the campaign efforts. The first newsletter was distributed in last week's Examiner. A second newsletter will be sent in October. Additionally, a postcard mailing using the tax assessors list will be sent. The school will allow students to make Open Space signs; however, the signs cannot tell residents to vote yes. Cory has found a website that can provide 50 signs for \$368.

- ◆ Hunting – The Shield Road property has been removed from the UBNJ list; however, illegal hunting continues. Duane Davison recommends posting the property and requiring that hunters receive township permission to hunt there.
- ◆ Baird Road/Waters 40 acres – Mr. Wingerter and Ms. Spaziano walked the trail on this township-owned property. Large holes remain where nursery trees were removed creating a dangerous situation for trail users. The Shade Tree Commission would like to save about 40-50 trees on the trail. Unfortunately, history has shown that replanting these trees will be costly and probably unsuccessful since they will not receive adequate water in their new location. A suggestion to designate a weekend where residents can remove these trees for their own use is being considered. Bids from local contractors to clear and grade the property could then be considered. The township will need to post that the property is being cleared for trail purposes only.

### **New Business**

- ◆ Lichtman Management Agreement – Ms. Butch mentioned that the state has purchased the Lichtman property on Yellow Meeting House Road. She is meeting with them this week to arrange to have the Township manage the property.
- ◆ NJ Horse Alliance – Ms. Butch, Mr. Abilheira, and Ms. Grbelja attended the NJ Horse Industry Symposium at Monmouth Park on September 20. The group's focus is on the scope of the horse industry and its impact on the state's economy, traditional agriculture and open space.
- ◆ Monmouth County Open Space Grant – An application has been made for a \$250,000 grant. This is the maximum amount allowed by the program.
- ◆ Land Rally – Save the Date! The next land rally will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2007.
- ◆ Trail Clearing at Perrineville Lake – The Trailblazers will host a trail clearing day on Saturday, October 7, 2006. Volunteers will meet at Mrs. Audrey Ginolfi's home at 145 Baird Road. A meeting time has not yet been established.
- ◆ Fundraiser – Mr. Wingerter asked the group to start thinking about a fundraiser in March or April.

## **Committee Reports**

Finance: No report at this time.

Signage: 1) Total preserved acreage decals have been updated throughout town. The Department of Public Works will install a new sign on Prodelin Way and repair the sign on Millstone Road at Route 537. 2) SADC signs will be installed on the Dey and Mattei property. 3) Ms. Butch will provide Mr. Wingerter with Green Acres signs for the Livak property.

Public Relations / Publications: See newsletter

Legislative Awareness: No report at this time.

Planning Board / Board of Adjustment Applications:

- ◆ Soifer - Ms. Butch met with the Soifers and their attorney, Mr. Ken Pape, to finalize the trail on their property. The Soifers will post and clear the trail.
- ◆ Riordan – The family is happy to give a trail alongside the existing trail creating a 30 feet wide trail.

Mr. Wingerter made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:50 pm. Mr. Alves offered a second. All in favor.

At 9:20 pm, the Council returned to the Regular Session.

At 9:21 pm, Mr. Wingerter offered a motion to adjourn. Ms. Morelli offered a second. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Naugle