

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 5, 2014**

THE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR MODIFICATION AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

FLAG SALUTE: Glenn Schweizer led the Flag Salute at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: Mayor Philip Yetter, Margaret Couse, John Major, Alan Martin, Glenn Schweizer, and Arne Goytil. Also Present: Township Administrator Eileen Klose and Sandy Urgo from The Land Conservancy.

STATEMENT: Glenn Schweizer stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the provisions of the Sunshine Law. Adequate notice of the meeting has been published in the New Jersey Herald being the Sunday and Daily editions as to a time and place. It is posted in the usual location of posted notices in the municipal building.

MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Glenn Schweizer and seconded by Margaret Couse, with all members in favor, to approve the March 19, 2014 Minutes.

PUBLIC SESSION

No Public Comment.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED

A MOTION was made by Mayor Yetter and seconded by John Major, with all members in favor, to adopt the following Resolution to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of land.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HAMPTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE to go into Executive Session pursuant to the following exception of the Open Public Meetings Act: N.J.S.A. 10:14-12 for the purpose of discussing acquisition of land.

The matters discussed in Executive Session may be made public at the appropriate time. I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Hampton Township Open Space Committee at its meeting on May 5, 2014.



Eileen Klose, RMC
Township Administrator
Open Space Secretary

ROBERT MORROW ACQUISITION
BLOCK 3301/20 & 22
(62.6 ACRES)

Sandy Urgo stated that the Morrow property purchase is proceeding and is almost complete. She anticipates that Green Acres will close on the property at the end of May, or at the very latest in June 2014. She stated that Mr. Morrow is keeping the house and approximately twelve (12) acres. She stated that there are a total of 62.2 acres in Hampton Township and 56.9 acres in Fredon Township that will be preserved as a result of this acquisition.

ANGELO COCUZZA
BLOCK 3202, LOT 30, 34, & 37
180.3 ACRES

Wetland Reserve is interested in purchasing a portion of the property that was outlined in pink on a map that Sandy Urgo provided for the Open Space Committee. She stated that the balance of the property is not suitable for any municipal purpose such as recreation fields.

Township Administrator E. Klose stated that she asked Township Engineer Harold E. Pellow to look at the property for future field use. He explained to her that although one section of the property was suitable for a field, there would be no room for parking because the balance of the land is too wet.

Mayor Yetter asked what Wetland Reserve is willing to pay for this tract of land. She stated that this is a Federal Program and that the rate is set by the government. This year the program has a flat set rate of \$6,420.00 per acre for fields, and \$3,420.00 per acre for forests. Therefore, the purchase price is \$500,000.00 for the Federal Government easement that will exist on this property. They will also lose the right to farm as a result of this easement.

Mayor Yetter asked if the Federal Government is aware of the oil depot that existed on this property.

Sandy Urgo stated that the Federal Government is aware of it and that the owner has a no further action letter stating that the site had been cleaned up. She stated that it is not going to be an issue. The application is due May 16, 2014, and although it is not a foregone conclusion, it ranks very high and she believes that it will be accepted.

Chairman G. Schweizer asked if this property is a candidate for the William Penn Open Space Program.

Sandy Urgo stated that it is a possibility that there would be interest, but that there is no other money available to fund this property.

RANDALL FITZGERALD
BLOCK 901, LOT 33
.91 ACRES

Sandy Urgo explained that Mr. Fitzgerald came to the Town Hall and asked if he could donate his land to the Township for Open Space.

Township Administrator E. Klose stated that she explained to Mr. Fitzgerald that it was unlikely that the township would accept a land donation.

He spoke with the Land Conservancy as recommended by E. Klose and Sandy Urgo explained to him that they frequently get offers from individual landowners to accept a donation of land but they are unable to accept donations unless the holding could be added to something of significance to another property. She explained to him that his property does not make any other land holding bigger and that it is too small to be a preserve. She told him that he could offer the property to his neighbor who might be interested in it.

DISCUSSION
OUTREACH

Sandy Urgo stated that she thought this would be a good time to do more outreach to large landowners.

Chairman Glenn Schweizer stated that Sandy should prepare a list of potential properties for the Committee to review prior to the next Open Space Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed the Hesse property in the limestone forest region of Hampton Township and if there were a possibility that Mr. Hesse would be interested in talking about preservation again.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eileen Klose
Township Administrator
Open Space Secretary

A **MOTION** was made by Margaret Couse and seconded by Alan Martin to go back into Regular Session at 7:50 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Alan Martin and seconded by Margaret Couse, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eileen Klose", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eileen Klose
Township Administrator