

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2014
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING**

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 7:04 PM

ROLL CALL: Mayor Philip Yetter, Margaret Couse, Alan Martin, Glenn Schweizer. Members Excused: Arne Goytil and John Major. Also Present: Township Administrator Eileen Klose.

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.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

Alan Martin made a motion to nominate Glenn Schweizer to serve as Chairman of the Open Space Committee for FY 2014. The nomination was seconded by Margaret Couse, with all members in favor. Mr. Schweizer accepted the nomination.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Margaret Couse made a motion to nominate Alan Martin to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Open Space Committee for FY 2014. The nomination was seconded by Mayor Philip Yetter, with all members in favor. Mr. Martin accepted the nomination.

SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS

1. Township Committee Member - One Year Term – Philip Yetter
2. Planning Board Member – One Year Term – Member Needed
3. Zoning Board Member – One Year Term – Margaret Couse
4. Resident Appointment – Three Year Term – Alan Martin

Township Administrator E. Klose swore in the above members for the terms indicated. The following members will be sworn in at the May 5, 2014 meeting:

1. Resident Appointment – Two Year Term – John Major
2. Planning Board Member – One Year Term – Arne Goytil

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Philip Yetter and seconded by Margaret Couse, with all members in favor, to designate the New Jersey Sunday and Daily Herald as the Official Newspaper of the Open Space Committee.

TIME, DAY & PLACE OF MEETINGS

A **MOTION** was made by Mayor P. Yetter and seconded by Margaret Couse, with all members in favor, to designate the meetings to commence at 7:00 P.M. at the Hampton Township Municipal Building located at 1 Rumsey Way, Newton, NJ on May5, 2014, July 7, 2014 and October 6, 2014.

THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF NEW JERSEY CONSULTING CONTRACT PROPOSAL

Township Administrator E. Klose stated that she and the Township Committee have discussed the consulting contract. She recommended to the Township Committee that they authorize the contract for this new term and not fund the Open Space Trust Fund for 2014 Budget Year. She stated that the Open Space Trust Fund has \$1,146,443.30 as of December 31, 2013. She stated that Sandy Urgo has been working on various properties and that hopefully there will be some movement on these properties within the contract term. She stated that the Open Space Committee should discuss next year's contract at the last Open Space meeting scheduled for this year and evaluate the progress of property acquisitions at that time to see if we should scale back on next year's contract.

A **MOTION** was made by Alan Martin and seconded by Mayor P. Yetter, with all members in favor, to recommend to the Township Committee that they authorize the Consulting Contract Agreement with the Land Conservancy of New Jersey for \$9,000.00 for a term that begins on February 15, 2014 and ends February 14, 2015.

DISCUSSION

The Open Space Committee discussed a Hampton Township property acquisition that is pending with Green Acres. Margaret Couse asked why this particular property was not considered for Farmland Preservation.

Township Administrator E. Klose stated that she did not know the answer but that Sandy Urgo from the The Land Conservancy would give an update on this property at the May 5, 2014 meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION

No Public Comment.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mayor P. Yetter and seconded by Alan Martin, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Eileen Klose

Township Administrator