

TINTON FALLS OPEN SPACE REGULAR MEETING

December 2009 Minutes

The regular meeting of the Tinton Falls Open Space Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m., December 14, 2009 by Chairman Guy Buck

Present: Chairman Guy Buck, Vice-Chairman Frank DeVita, Secretary Clare Shin, Robert Markoff, Doug DeVincens, Andrew Mayer, Duane Morrill (council liaison), Elizabeth Oltman, Herman Silbiger, Jeff Stratton

Absent: Cindy Anderson

Also in Attendance: Stephen Montero, Mike Summers, Mike Nesci

Approval of November Minutes

Motion for approval by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Mr. DeVita

Stephen Montero – discussed Eagle Scout project – 20 bat boxes must be installed before his 18th birthday – he identified the locations (trees) that would best serve the borough – Councilman Duane Morrill will sign off on this project.

Subcommittee Reports

Council Report – Mr. Mayer

- Karen Mount-Taylor will be working on the reappointments for Open Space Committee
- There will be a second auction on Somers property after the holidays

Communication - Ms. Oltman

- There was a message on the website about interest in Tinton Falls skate park
- Residents requested directions to trailheads – Ms. Oltman will send directions to committee for approval

Trails – Mr. Buck

- Committee needs to work on trail signs
- Riverdale West trails are overgrown and mulch is sparse
- Trail behind Hidden Pond done
- Crawford trail being worked on

Open to Public

Tinton Falls Skate Plaza Advocacy Group – represented by Steve Summers & Mike Nesci

- They have been speaking with Spohn Ranch Skateboard Development Company
- Mr. Morrill suggested Fox Chase property as a good location for skate park – possible donation of property
- Mr. Summers and Mr. Nesci are working on a petition with a goal of 1,000 signatures – they were advised to forward the petition to Karen Mount-Taylor
- The committee supports the idea of a skate park in the borough

New Business

- Mr. Mayer informed committee that there are funds available for farmland preservation through NJ Conservation Foundation
- Mr. Mayer suggested Waltz Farm in the southern end of borough as appropriate for farmland preservation with a motion to contact owners – motion by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Mr. DeVita
- Little League is working with the Tinton Falls School Board to repair baseball fields at Swimming River School

Old Business – None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Mr. DeVita

Next Meeting will be held on January 11, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Clare Shin, Secretary