

MENDHAM BOROUGH OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES 5/12/2011

**Meeting Location: Phoenix House, 2 West Main Street,
Mendham, NJ**

1. Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Connolly, at 7:10 PM.
2. Mr. Connolly read the Adequate Notice Statement: Notice of this meeting was published in the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on January 10, 2010 in accordance with the Open Meeting Act and posted on the Phoenix House bulletin board on the same date.
3. Roll Call:
 - Mr. Connolly, Chair, Present
 - Mr. Sprandel, Vice Chair/Secretary, Present
 - Mr. Andrus, Council Representative, Absent
 - Mr. Barry, Absent
 - Mr. Slutsky, Absent
 - Mr. DeBuvitz, Present
 - Mr. Topping, Present
4. Mr. Topping moved, Mr. DeBuvitz seconded and the minutes for the meeting of Mar. 10, 2011 were unanimously approved.
5. There was no public comment.
6. Old Business
 - a. Tranquility Garden
 - i. Fence - Mr. Connolly reported that the Public Works Dept. expects to complete the fence by the end of the month.
 - ii. Stone Wall – The homeowner has volunteered to pay 2/3 of the cost to repair the existing wall. Perhaps the wall should be moved back to widen the road? An estimate of the cost to upgrade the puddingstone wall was ~\$200,000.00. Mr. Connolly and Mr. Topping volunteered to be a part of a group

to investigate alternative solutions and seek out grant money to help pay for it.

b. Update from The Borough Council – No update since Mr. Andrus is absent.

c. Update Borough Master Plan

i. Sub-committee - Mr. Connolly, Mr. DeBuvitz and Mr. Topping volunteered to form a sub-committee to address this issue.

ii. Develop plan & timetable – They agreed to meet with Diane Callahan to figure out what can be done to update the BMP.

d. Borough Loop Trail – The Mendham Borough Engineer, Mr. Feraro repeated the recent public presentation to the Mendham Borough Planning Board.

i. Next steps – It was reported that the loop trail was modified to travel down Loryn Lane and use the existing access point to Patriots Path rather than through the end of the cull-de-sac on N. Linden Lane. However, it appears, the on-line version of the loop trail does not currently reflect this change. The Borough has applied for a \$25,000 grant to fund improvements to the loop trail.

ii. Q & A on Borough website -

e. McVickers Preserve –

i. How to encourage public use?

ii. Signs – Need signage indicating the location of the 2 parking lots available off Pleasant Valley and Thomas Road.

f. Other – none.

7. New Business – none.

8. Other Business – none.

9. Adjournment – Mr. Topping moved and Mr. DeBuvitz seconded and all approved we adjourn at 7:50 PM.

a. Next meeting is scheduled for 7/14/2011, at 7:00PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Esbrandel". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.