

Minutes

Mendham Borough Open Space Advisory Committee

Date: May 13, 2010 – 7:00 PM

Approved 7/8/2010

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

**A. Call To Order:**

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**B. Chairman’s Adequate Notice Statement:**

Notice of this meeting was published in the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on January 10, 2009 in accordance with the Open Meeting Act and was posted on the Phoenix House bulletin board on the same date.

**C. Roll Call:**

- Mr. Collins, Chairman - Present
- Mr. Topping, Vice Chairman - Present
- Mr. Connolly, Secretary - Present
- Mr. DeBuvitz - Absent
- Mr. Andrus, Council Representative - Present
- Mr. Barry - Absent
- Mr. Slutsky - Present
- Mr. Sprandel, Alternate – Present

**D. Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Connolly made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous as presented. This was seconded by Mr. Topping, and the motion was approved on a unanimous basis.

**E. Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**G. Old Business:****1. Tranquility Garden**

The closing has occurred and the process of transforming this property into a public property is in progress. The Garden Club is working with an outside consultant to develop a plan which the club will then implement. The plan will include; design, plantings, paths, and repair of the wall. The Garden Club will be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

**2. Bierwert Property**

Nothing new to report on this. The buyer has indicated that he will maintain the property, including the orchard in its current natural state.

**3. Connecting Borough and Township Trails**

Nothing new on this issue.

**McVickers Brook Preserve**

This 107 acre property (formerly referred to Thomas Property) is jointly owned by Mendham Borough and the Schiff Land Trust and offers access to the 430 acres currently owned by Schiff. The new Franklin Parker Trail was recently dedicated on this land.

**G. New Business:****Other Business:**

Mr. Andrus reported that a recent presentation on the Highlands Proposal was made to the Planning Committee. Additional action is pending with the change of administration in Trenton.

**F. Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. DeBuvitz to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Topping, motion was approved on a unanimous basis. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.



George Connolly  
Secretary