

MENDHAM BOROUGH OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES 3/8/2012

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 19, 2012 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Phoenix House on the same date in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.**
- 3. Roll Call:**
 - George Connolly, Chair, Present**
 - David Sprandel, Secretary, Present**
 - John Andrus, Council Representative, Present**
 - Peter Barry, Absent**
 - Adam Slutsky, Present**
 - William DeBuvitz, Vice Chair, Absent**
 - Charles Topping, Present**

Alternates:
Keith McNair, Absent
- 4. Mr. Topping moved, Mr. Slutsky seconded and the minutes for the meeting of January 12, 2012 were unanimously approved.**
- 5. Public Comment – None.**
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. Tranquility Garden – The DPW, under the guidance of Ken O'Brien, has removed the fence for refurbishing at the Borough Garage. It will be cleaned and repainted. There was a question about whether or not the existing fence is in accord with current Borough ordinances? The Boy Scouts and Mendham Garden Club hope to be done with cleanup by the end of April. Expect a "living wall" to be placed along the East lot line. DPW plans on repairing the pudding stone wall. Ellen Sandman and Charles Topping are looking into applying for a grant from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Review Board to aid in repair of the wall.**
 - b. Borough Loop Trail – Mr. Slutsky says they are going to request a grant for \$25K to improve the Rte. 24 street crossing at West Field.**
 - c. Update Borough Master Plan – None**

- d. Other – None.
7. New Business
- a. Update from the Borough Council
 - b. Funding of Other projects – There has been a request to spend \$40K of open space funds to update and improve the fencing and backstop at the Pastime Field. To address this issue the committee reviewed, in detail, the Borough of Mendham Ordinance 24-98 that established the Open Space Fund and this committee. After much discussion a motion was introduced by Mr. Topping, seconded by Mr. Slutsky that we should send a letter advising the Borough Council that it is the opinion of the committee that while the Borough attorney has indicated the proposed use of the fund is allowed, the expenditure would violate the spirit and intent of the ordinance. It is the recommendation that maintenance/improvement expenditures such as this should only be allowed for properties acquired by Open Space funds. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of all present.
8. Adjournment – Mr. Slutsky moved, Mr. Sprandel seconded and all approved we adjourn at 8:30 PM.
- a. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5/10/2012, at 7:00PM.

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