

**BOROUGH OF KINNELON
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019**

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:30pm)

Roll Call: Attending: Mayor Jim Freda, Chairwoman Tamara Roselius, Vice Chairman Bob Roy, Council Liaison Glenn Sisco, Camille Balo, Steve Spinelli, Land Conservancy Liaison Linda Glosinski
Absent: George Warren, Environmental Committee Liaison Scot Simptner

Hearing from the Public – None

Review/approve meeting minutes - Minutes for April 10, 2019 were approved; motion by Mayor J. Freda, seconded by S. Spinelli, all in favor, none opposed.

Various Committee Reports:

Council: Glenn Sisco-John Linson is the new forester. Very knowledgeable. More activity and more fees paid than last year. Want to create a new ordinance for all tree companies to register with the boro.

Planning Board Committee: Tamara Roselius-The signs for PRM and the retail nail salon 'Blow Out' were both approved.

Environmental Committee: Scot Simptner-Absent. Want to have a joint meeting-will schedule for Thursday, August 29, 7:30pm at boro hall; therefore, no regular meeting August 14th.

L'Ecole: Bob Roy-1) Met with one contractor (expecting more). Will meet again on Friday and hopefully remaining contractors will show up to bid. 2) The anniversary party was a great event-big turnout with lots of activity.

Old Business:

New Pond-Nothing new to report.

Town Wide Trail Plan and Open Space Site Visits-On hold.

Dog Park-Linda, Jim, town engineer Tom Boorady and DPW supervisor John Whitehead all met on 5/13 to discuss a grassed area next to the DPW lot. Already partially fenced, big tree provides shade, currently 100' x 100' without moving any DPW trailers. Is it safe enough for the dogs? Steve Spinelli and Bob Roy will go take a look at the area.

ROSI-Nothing new to report. KCC will need to be added in before the next project agreement with Green Acres.

KCC-Nothing new to report.

NJDEP Trail Grant-Being audited-not much hope.

Totowa Construction-The Stonybrook Homeowner Association's attorney still not being responsive. The homeowners' association still has to vote to exclude this lot from the association so the Borough would not be responsible for any fees.

Totowa Construction #2 (155 Boonton Avenue)-Concept idea-great for a farmer's market once a week. But the homeowners' association requested a park. Also, any Green Acres' funds have to be in support of outdoor recreation. Linda will inquire.

Memorial Park-Will not be located at above location. Veteran's preference is at Borough Hall.

New Business:

Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant-Jamie Carpenter is the new rep. for the borough. 1) Remaining funds for open space acquisitions will expire on 8/20. If not used, Green Acres would then re-program those funds which is approximately \$515,000). If that happens, have to start application process from scratch. The Green Acres funds can pay up to 50%, with the Borough having to provide the remaining 50%. If the Borough submits a pre-appraisal questionnaire to acquire a property by the end of summer, the funds may be secured for a while. Green Acres will send a formal letter of explanation. 2) Boonton Ave fields-look at possibility of sale transfer-does the town of Boonton have a right to sell?

Highland Regional Master Plan-1) Kickoff meeting today re: the Critical Habitat and Management Plan (CHMP) which is part of the conformance process for the Borough to conform to Highlands regional master plan. The Land Conservancy was hired to prepare a CHMP for Kinnelon, as well as create a template for all highlands municipalities. Highlands Council gave a grant to Kinnelon to write the management plan, which will identify critical habitat areas in the boro, as well as mitigating measures. The Open Space Committee will be part of the process (to discuss at a joint August 29th meeting with the Environmental Committee). The Land Conservancy will create mapping, including the critical habitat areas in town, etc.

As things come up in the boro, e.g., commercial properties, etc., Kinnelon will then have a plan and ordinances in place to know what they are allowed to (most residential properties would be exempt). Ultimate goal is to not have the water quality of the Highlands impacted because it provides drinking water for much of the state.

Closed Session: Purpose of closed session: to discuss open space land acquisitions which are confidential.

-Motion to go into closed session, time: 8:50pm by G. Sisco, seconded by R. Roy, all in favor, none opposed.

-Motion to go back to open session time: 9:14pm by B. Roy, seconded by G. Sisco, all in favor, none opposed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 29, 2019 – 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor Borough Hall

Adjournment: Time 9:15 on a motion by G. Sisco and seconded by T. Roselius, all in favor, none opposed.

At the August 29, 2019 Open Space Advisory Committee meeting, on a motion made by Bob Roy and seconded by Steve Spinelli, and the affirmative voice vote of all members present, the June 12, 2019 meeting minutes were approved. All in favor-none opposed.

