

**BOROUGH OF KINNELON
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2019**

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:30pm)

Roll Call: Attending: Mayor Freda (ex-Officio), Chairwoman T. Roselius, Vice Chairman R. Roy, George Warren, S. Spinelli, Land Conservancy Liaison L. Glosinski
Absent: Council Liaison Glenn Sisco, Environmental Committee Liaison S. Simptner

Agreed to meet every other month on the even months.

Hearing from the Public – Camille Balo, a sophomore at Kinnelon HS-interested in joining the committee.

Review/approve meeting minutes - Minutes for December 12, 2018 were approved; motion R. Roy and seconded by G. Warren; all in favor, none opposed.

Annual Reorganization Meeting-Tamara Roselius was re-appointed Chairwoman, Bob Roy was re-appointed Vice Chairman and Laura Gakos was re-appointed Recording Secretary, all in favor, none opposed.

Various Committee Reports:

Council: 1) Mayor Freda met with local realtors to discuss what is needed to attract new residents: Consensus is there are enough parks but could use: town center, community garden, dog park, place for a bus stop (i.e., park & ride).
2) On Memorial Day would like to plant chestnut tree in front of boro hall as well as clean up area.

Planning Board Committee: T. Roselius-Approved Kin-Mall cell phone flagpole change of antenna for Sprint; approved realty executive sign at car wash mall; no action was taken on the PRM and LED sign; memorialized the Kinnelon Baptist Church sign, AT&T changed their antenna at Graceview Drive Tower and approved a minor subdivision of Voorhees Road.

Environmental Committee: S. Simptner-Absent

L'Ecole: R. Roy-Next phase of restoration work on the upstairs should start soon; will include a/c and useful office space; funds are encumbered.

Old Business:

New Pond-Homeowner's association attorney not being responsive. There are encroachments on two properties; the boro attorney recommended not acquiring property with encroachments as the boro would then be liable. Linda asked the state to write letter to attorney; there has been no response. Homeowner's association not cooperating-not paying their property taxes as well as not removing the encroachments.

Town Wide Trail Plan and Open Space Site Visits-Nothing new to report.

Dog Park-Remove 2 trailers in DPW lot? Linda-that's a limited area; need to schedule a walk to look at sites-for Vet Park and Totowa Constructors as well.

ROSI-Nothing new to report.

KCC-Nothing new to report.

NJDEP Trail Grant-Received letter April 4th-DEP administered the federal trail grant program. Program has been shut down as state was audited and found not to be in compliance with many federal guidelines and requirements. Therefore before they can disperse funds, need to become compliant.

Totowa Constructors-Veterans don't want the memorial park at this location. Can there be a walking path/small park? DPW is maintaining area so that is a possibility.

Totowa Constructors #2 (155 Boonton Avenue)-Nothing new to report.

Memorial Park-Veterans still want in front of Borough Hall.

New Business: 1) Mayor Freda met with president of Stonybrook Association- Totowa Constructors-they own two more parcels near Butler's Pond that they want to donate to the town. 2) Agreement for the Land Conservancy to start the Critical Habitation and Management Plan. Highlands Council will reimburse. Barbara Davis at the Land Conservancy will head this up-will probably have a kick-off meeting at the Highlands Council. Purpose-Boro had started the Highlands conformance process. It's a boro wide plan-it was a condition of the Highland Preservation Area Waiver permit and needs to be in place before digging starts. The Plan is for the boro to use when there are proposed activities and development in a preservation and critical habitat area-it is a checklist item for the boro to be conforming

to the Highlands Master Plan. Timeline is 1 year-it's to be coordinated closely with the Highlands Council-they want input from the O.S. Committee as well as Environmental and the boro. Will be added to Master Plan? Ask Burgis-Land Conservancy will pay him. 3) Mayor Freda will present Camille Balo to Council for a recommendation to add her to the Open Space Committee.

Closed Session: None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 – 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor Borough Hall

Adjournment: Time 8:10pm on a motion by R. Roy and seconded by G. Warren, all in favor, none opposed.

At the June 12, 2019 Open Space Advisory Committee meeting, on a motion made by Mayor Freda and seconded by Steve Spinelli, and the affirmative voice vote of all members present, the April 10, 2019 meeting minutes were approved. All in favor-none opposed.

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