

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for this meeting were the following Committee members: John Cronic, George Fisher, Dan Malek, Rich Schaible, Hal Shute, and Cathy Urbanski. Christine Rosikiewicz, Committee Secretary, was present. Chris Kamnitsis was absent. Stephen Bergenfeld, Township Committee Liaison, was also absent.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 11, 2017

Ms. Urbanski commented favorably on the minutes and made a motion to approve. Mr. Shute seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed with one abstention from Mr. Schaible.

OLD BUSINESS

Farmland Preservation Projects:

Holcombe III: Mr. Shute reported that this property closed, the Committee's share of the cost was around \$100,000. The property is around twenty acres. Mr. Shute will apply for reimbursement of soft costs. Ms. Urbanski requested a map of the preserved portion of the property to update the Township map.

Runkle's Farm: The CMV was received at the last meeting. The appraisals were far apart, the State averaged them and determined a number. Mr. Shute is in contact with the property owners regarding the amount and an alternative way to calculate the appraisal since the State one was low. Recalculating would require the Committee to increase their portion of the funding, the County won't provide additional funding. It was noted that the Committee's budget could support this increase. A third appraisal is not allowed. Comments were made about the Township providing additional funds for preservation. Mr. Cronic expressed that it is a "great farm" and one of the nicest farms in the Township. Other positive comments were made about the property. Mr. Shute will compose an offer letter and follow up with the Township Clerk.

There is a second, smaller farm also being considered for preservation. Appraisals have been received. The Committee discussed this property and an offer letter will be sent to the property owner.

Hunting Program: Mr. Malek provided copies of the harvest report tallies to the Committee, they are on par with last year. The only downside this year was that the construction of the solar array on the municipal property affected the hunting on that property; the property had the only quota not met as four does are needed and only two were harvested. Mr. Malek advised the Committee that they have the ability to waive the doe requirement due to unforeseen problems and believes the Committee should do that for this property. The Committee exchanged comments on this situation and a waiver was granted for the two does on the municipal property.

Mr. Malek reported that there are four unauthorized deer stands on the Music Mountain property. The Committee reviewed a map of the property and the locations where the stands were found. It

was agreed upon that the property lines need to be determined. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Malek will follow up on this.

Website: Ms. Urbanski reported that the website is fine.

NEW BUSINESS

Thompson: Mr. Shute reported that he talked to D&R Greenway regarding this property.

Ms. Urbanski was excused from the meeting at this time (7:43).

CORRESPONDENCE

CADB Minutes: Mr. Cronic reported that he has the CADB minutes and advised the Committee that they may provide their e-mail address to the County to receive minutes.

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There was no public present.

NEXT MEETING

The July meeting has been canceled, the next meeting will be on August 8th.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schaible made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malek, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. All were in favor; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Rosikiewicz, Open Space Secretary