

OPEN SPACE & AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes
December 6, 2007

Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Open Space and Agriculture Advisory Committee was called to order at 8:06 P.M. Chairman John Mathieu read the following notice requirements.

Notice Requirements

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this committee or Board, and also members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over talk. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Notification of the time, date and place of this meeting has been published in the Delaware Valley News and Express Times and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, as has been posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building at least 48 hours prior to this meeting and has been filed with the Municipal Clerk.

Agriculture Advisory Committee

Present - William Pandy
Elaine Niemann, Committeewoman

Absent - Sal DeSapio, Chairman

Open Space Advisory Committee

Present - John Mathieu, Chairman
James Burke, Mayor
Sandra McNicol

Absent - Marge Augustine

Also present at the meeting were Attorney David Pierce, Open Space/Farmland Coordinator Liz Schmid and Secretary Cynthia Brown.

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It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, seconded by Mr. Pandy and carried to appoint Secretary Brown to write a letter to the Township Committee requesting to amend the current ordinances to allow the appointment of additional members to the Agriculture Advisory Committee from a three member board to a five member board, consisting of one member from the Township Committee and four members of the public, with at least three members being active farmers.

Roll Call Vote: **Aye - Niemann, Pandy**
 Nay - None
 Abstain - None
 Absent - DeSapio

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

(Agriculture Advisory Committee)
Gypsy Moth Aerial Suppression Program

Mayor Burke reviewed what the Township Committee decided at their meeting. He stated that their needs to be a representative from the Township to be available for the program. It was noted that Public Works Supervisor has been designated the representative for the program. There was a lengthy discussion on the gypsy moth program.

Chairman Mathieu would like to put together priorities for 2008. To be on the January agenda.

Mayor Burke explained speaking with Margaret Waldock in reference to working with Kingwood. He explained to her that there are several properties that are a possibility for preservation.

There was a discussion on whether to have an out reach program.

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There was a lengthy discussion on the Committee's goals and what they would like to work on. Some of the discussion consisted of the PIG program, farming, to investigate our fields, forests and wetland areas.

Elaine Niemann expressed how the Township needs to communicate with the residents and inform them to what is going on with the properties they are working to preserve.

Mayor Burke suggested that the Township should send out a newsletter to all the residents explaining what we have, why we have it, and why the Township has decided to do what they have done as far as purchasing through green acres, also preserving property and the reasons why it will benefit the Township.

There was also a lengthy discussion about the Ukarish property.

Date for Reorganization Meeting in January 2008

It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, seconded by Mrs. McNicol and carried to approve the date of Thursday, January 3, 2008 for the reorganization meeting for Open Space/Agriculture Advisory Committees.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye -	Burke, Mathieu McNicol, Pandy, Niemann
	Nay -	None
	Abstain -	None
	Absent -	Augustine, DeSapio

REPORTS

PIG Progress: Liz Schmid

There was a lengthy discussion on several owners of properties in Kingwood who are interested in applying for the PIG Program.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 P.M. **All** present voted **AYE** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Brown
Secretary