

**OPEN SPACE & AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes**  
**June 5, 2008**

**Call to Order**

A Regular Meeting of the Open Space and Agriculture Advisory Committee was called to order at 8:00 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 also been posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building at least 48 hours prior to this meeting and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

**Agriculture Advisory Committee**

Present - Sal DeSapio  
Elaine Niemann, Committeewoman  
Cynthia Niciecki

Absent - William Pandy

**Open Space Advisory Committee**

Present - John Mathieu  
Marge Augustine  
Sandra McNicol (arrived at 8:31 P.M.)  
Richard Dodds  
James Burke

Absent - None

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**Approval of the May 1, 2008 Regular Minutes**

It was moved by Mrs. Augustine, seconded by Mr. Dodds and carried the Motion to approve the May 1, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes for the Agriculture Advisory Committee/Open Space Advisory Committee with the following corrections:

Page#2 of the May 1, 2008 minutes - Under PIG Progress (7<sup>th</sup>)line - correction of misspelled name - was(Kowalski) and correction (Koveleski)

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	-	<b>Mathieu, Augustine, Burke, Niciecki, Niemann</b>
<b>Nay</b>	-	<b>None</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	-	<b>DeSapio, Dodds</b>
<b>Absent</b>	-	<b>Pandy, McNicol</b>

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Copy of a letter and Resolution No. 2008-76 Farmland Preservation - PIG - 1, Block 14, Lot 21.03

Chairman J. Mathieu reviewed and asked if anyone had any questions.

**Reports**

PIG Progress: Liz Schmid

Liz reported an update of PIG. County has approved the Augustine Property. She has not heard anything yet on the new PIG yet from the State, but will still send draft and then it will be 60 days to do any changes, and then have the public hearing. Discussion on obtaining quotes for surveyors. Sal DeSapio asked what will happen with Helen Gergar's property. Cynthia Niciecki responded by telling everyone that the Township has not been officially notified as of this date, but that Helen left everything to the Township. She explained that Sam Leon's family was willed to continue farming her property as long as they would choose to farm with no charge. There was a lengthy discussion on Helen Gergar's property.

Old Business

Mr. Burke reviewed the update on Equestrian Village.

New Business

Subdivision Application Re: BDAC, LLC-Block 23, Lot 17.02  
Class II Minor Subdivision - Attached: Application,  
Checklist, and Plat

Chairman J. Mathieu reviewed. He feels that the Planning Board has reviewed this already. The plat has been updated since this plat. Mr. Mathieu explained that it is located east of the Forge & Anvil on Barbertown Point Breeze Road. The initial plat was divided into three lots and will continue to be three lots under the new plot. The Township's Planner David Banisch had determined that the lot that fronts the property on the road was actually not two acres. There was a suggestion that the lot be increased in size and the rear lot line to go through an existing hedge row to conform with the fields.

Open Space Budget and Funds:

Amount in the Budget Line Item:	\$500.00
Amount in the Open Space Trust Fund:	\$209,500.00

James Burke reviewed total amount, and explained that it should be balanced when the the Township's Budget is adopted. He reviewed the Bonds to acquire the Equestrian Village. He explained that they will be combined to be one single bond payment of \$200,000 for a 2.5 million dollar bond. It will be paid out of the Open Space Fund.

Clark Property, Block 33, Lot 14 - Preservation

Chairman J. Mathieu reviewed. Mr. Burke reviewed a handout, which gave everyone. There was a discussion on the time line of the property. Mr. Burke responded said that Margaret Waldock informed him it will not be until the end of the year.

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Sandra McNicol reviewed walking the property site with Margaret Waldock. A description of the conditions of the property where discussed. The property is located on Route 651/Barbertown Idell Road. The Hunterdon Land Trust is seeking a contribution of 30% of the purchase price from Kingwood Township in order to acquire the Clark property to preserve the land. The purchase price for the land is \$900.00, and Kingwood Township's share would be \$270,000. The remainder would be funded by a Green Acres Grant to Hunterdon Land Trust and a nonprofit grant from Hunterdon County.

It was discussed that this subject will be tabled until the July meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Augustine to table this discussion till the July meeting.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	- <b>Mathieu, Augustine, Burke, McNicol, Dodds</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	- <b>None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	- <b>None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	- <b>None</b>

The Committee decided they would like to review the property further. Mr. Burke will contact Margaret Waldock to talk about funding. This will be tabled until next month. A lengthy discussion continued on the Clark Property.

Public Comments

N/A

It was moved by Mr. Dodds, seconded by Mrs. Augustine and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 P.M. **All present voted AYE on Roll Call Vote.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cynthia L. Keller**  
(formerly Brown)  
**Secretary**