

**WHITE TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF June 28, 2011**

I) **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairwoman Ellen Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at the White Township Municipal Building.

A) Flag Salute – Vice Chairwoman Ellen Johnson

B) **Opening Statement:** Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. the Board Secretary caused notice of this meeting to be given to the public and the press on February 16, 2010

C) **Roll Call** - Board Secretary Anne Blaine

Present – Ellen Johnson, Nancy Bilyk, Bob Mackey, Dave Newhouse, and Valerie Tishuk

Absent - Nevitt Duveneck and Jason Menegus

Others Present: One member of the public

D) **Adopt the Meeting Agenda:** A motion by Mr. Mackey seconded by Mrs. Tishuk resolved that this Board adopt the meeting agenda for the June 28, 2011 meeting.

Vote Taken – Five yeas
Motion Carried

E) **Minutes** – Mrs. Tishuk made a motion to approve the May 24, 2011 minutes. Mr. Newhouse seconded the motion. The committee discussed the minutes and the following change was made: Erhardt farmland preservation application – add that Vernon & Beverly Erhardt were present and updated this committee that their Farmland Preservation application is still in the process.

Vote Taken – Five yeas
Motion Carried

Mr. Mackey made a motion to approve the May 24, 2011 Executive Session minutes. Mr. Newhouse seconded the motion.

Vote Taken – Five yeas
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II) CORRESPONDENCE

- A) Letter of resignation from Nevitt Duveneck as Chairman of this committee. Mr. Duveneck will continue to serve on this committee. Mrs. Tishuk made a motion to accept the letter of resignation and Mrs. Bilyk seconded the motion.

Vote Taken – Five yeas
Motion Carried

- B) Landowner list compiled by Mr. Menegus and sent to this committee. Mrs. Bilyk made a motion to table the list until Mr. Menegus can be in attendance. Mrs. Tishuk seconded the motion.

Vote Taken – Five yeas
Motion Carried

- C) E-mail from Farmland Stewardship Program Manager Charles Roohr – The e-mail was reviewed and felt no action was needed by this committee.

III) PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV) OLD BUSINESS –

- A) Dear Landowner Letter – Mayor Sam Race suggested asking the NJ Land Conservancy to prepare the letter and have the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Committee review the letter prior to sending it out. Mr. Menegus is working on the list of eligible landowners. Mayor Sam Race wants the letter to be signed by our chairman. Mrs. Bilyk offered to tweak the Dear Landowner letter for review at a future meeting. After review at the meeting, Mrs. Bilyk presented her changes to the committee.

V) TABLED OR POSTPONED MATTERS

VI) NEW BUSINESS

- A) Election of Chair – Mrs. Tishuk made a motion to nominate Ellen Johnson as Chair. Mrs. Bilyk seconded the nomination.

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- B) Election of Vice Chair – Mrs. Tishuk made a motion to nominate Bob Mackey as Vice Chair. Mr. Newhouse seconded the motion.

Votes Taken – Five yeas
Motion Carried

VII) ANY OTHER MATTERS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE COMMITTEE

- A) Summer Meetings – Mr. Newhouse made a motion to abstain from meeting in July and August unless a need arises. Mrs. Tishuk seconded the motion.

Votes Taken – Five yeas
Motion Carried

VIII) EXECUTIVE SESSION –

IX) PUBLIC COMMENTS

- X) ADJOURNMENT – Mrs. Tishuk made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 and Mr. Mackey seconded the motion.

Vote Taken – Five yeas
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Blaine

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Committee Secretary