

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2010**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. in accordance with all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act having been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.
2. **Members Present:** Mrs. Allen, Mr. Becker, Mr. Huelsebusch, Mr. Jagel, Dr. Kelly, Mr. Klotz, Mrs. Sabin, Mrs. Yousey, Mr. Villani
Absent: Mrs. Madon. **OSAB Volunteers Present:** Linda Cody
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** Meeting minutes of November 18, 2009, were approved.
4. **Correspondence/Other Information:** None.
5. **Regular Reports:**
 - a. Farmland Preservation and Green Acres Developments: Mrs. Allen updated board on current activities. A brochure for the auction of the four farms including the three from the recent Toll Brothers property. Auction is scheduled for February 26. The Amawalk property in Three Bridges should close shortly.
 - b. County Open Space Committee: Dr. Kelly reported that originally, the Toll property did not rank high enough for County Open Space money but was finally recommended. County Freeholder Board action still pending.
 - c. Readington Twp. Environmental Commission: Dr Kelly reports The Readington easement grant was not approved by ANJEC. The Environmental Commission asks if OSAB will support re-applying with a revised proposal this year. OSAB will support continuation of effort. Mr. Becker, Mr. Klotz, Mrs. Yousey and Mrs. Allen indicated intention to participate.
 - d. Mr. Klotz reported that the PRLA was considering a contract with Garden Associates for a construction plan for Summer Road Park. Mrs. Sabin and Linda Cody were participating. A review of the adopt-a-trail program was provided including a report form and list of trails and current sponsors. A presentation from a mountain bike group (JORBA) is planned for PRLA meeting March 10 to explore bike access to recreational land. PRLA invites OSAB to attend the meeting.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. The Children of the Earth project presented to OSAB in November will be presented by Amy Manning of C.O.T.E. to the Township Committee February 1.
7. **Open Space Events.**
 - a. There was no walk in December. On January 26 and 27, two walks were held on the Vislocky and county park connector trail. About 40 attended the walks.
 - b. .

Hike Scheduling	Location
February	Toll Property (Summer Road Environs
March	South Branch Wildlife Management (YES property)
 - c. Mr. Huelsebusch agreed to prepare a tentative schedule for 2010.

8. New Business.

- a. Chairman Klotz reminded board members to submit their “oath of office” form.
- b. Meetings for 2010 will be held the fourth Wednesday of each month except no meeting in December and the November meeting will be held the 3rd Wednesday.
- c. Chairman Klotz passed out information on Township properties that were leased for hunting. Copies of responsibilities and agreements were included. Members are asked to review the materials and submit to the Chairman suggestions for the next meeting.
- d. Chairman Klotz indicated he was asked if there are trail maps for township police to assist them in patrolling trails. Members expressed concern about environmental impact, hiker and rider safety. It was agreed that assistance should be provided especially for emergency response needs. Mrs. Allen will discuss the matter with the Township Administrator and determine the Township’s intention to have Readington PD patrol open space before the Board engages in further discussion.
- e. A discussion on how to improve communication and documents by the members for comments was held. Mr. Becker and Linda Cody will review electronic applications such as Google Docs to see if they can provide a benefit.

9. Project Status. An updated project list was provided. Members are asked to review and suggest needs to provide opportunities to volunteer groups for the next meeting.

10. Comments from the Public. None

11. Comments from the Board. None

12. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.