

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2010**

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. announcing that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.
2. **Members Present:** Mrs. Allen, Mr. Becker, , Mr. Jagel, Dr. Kelly, Mr. Klotz, Mrs. Madon, Mrs. Sabin, Mr. Villani.
Absent: Mr. Huelsebusch, Mrs. Yousey. **OSAB Volunteers Present:** Linda Cody
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** Meeting minutes of January 27, 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. The auction of the Toll and related properties was rescheduled to March 3.
 - b. PRLA: Mr. Klotz reminded members to attend the PRLA meeting at 7:30 March 10 to hear a presentation on off road bike trail development. Funding has been requested from the Township Recreation Director for trail development work on Vislocky, Pleasant Run and the Toll property.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. Chairman Klotz presented a draft of recommendations from OSAB to the Township Committee regarding hunting on Township properties. Discussion considered signage, specific dates posted when hunting is allowed, enforcement concerns and posting a security deposit. By voice vote the Board asked the chairman to add language recommending increasing penalties for violations of the hunting agreements on the part of club members and posting information on hunting dates on the Township website, and to bring the revised document back to the Board for approval. Members are asked to review the document and provide additional comments at the next meeting.
 - b. Mrs. Cody provided an explanation on using Google Docs as a method to get input and collaborate on a document.
 - c. Mr. Becker provided an overview of an application on Google Sites as a communication tool and reference source of OSAB. At the present time members are given "read only" status. Members are requested to review the site and send comments.
7. **Open Space Events.**
 - a. 32 hikers participated in the February hike on the Toll property.
 - b. A hiking schedule for the remainder of the year was discussed and modified as follows:

Hike Scheduling	Location
February 21	Toll Property (Summer Road Environs
March 21	South Branch Wildlife Mgmt Area (YES property)
April 18	Round Mt. and Stickney
May 16	South Branch WMA South
June 20	Round Mt. Stanton Village

July 18	Lachenmayer
August 15	Rockaway Greenway
September 19	Pleasant Run
October 17	Whitehouse Greenway
November 21	Round Mt. Dobozyński
December 19	Cole Road Greenway

The Board members will conduct a field visit to Dreahook Greenway on Friday, March 26 at 10:00.

8. New Business.

- a. Chairman Klotz asked for members to participate in the Readington Volunteer Open House March 2.
- b. Dr. Kelly provided information on the Central Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team. Handouts were provided with the agenda. Members should review the objectives and scope and discuss OSAB being a partner in this activity.

9. Project Status.

- a. Vislocky/Cushetunk. Trail clearing and blazing dates posted on the RVCC schedule. A scout has expressed interest in working on this trail area for his Eagle project.
- b. Pleasant Run Greenway. A scout has expressed an interest in working on this trail.
- c. Cushetunk Nature Center. A post-construction walk-through was completed on the restored barn. The Board by voice vote directed the chairman to request the Township Historic Preservation Commission to pursue nomination to the state Register of Historic Places for the house on the property. The wetlands pool project by Eagle Scout candidate John Deseno has been completed.

10. Comments from the Public. None

11. Comments from the Board. None

12. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM.