

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 26, 2010**

- A.** Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. announcing that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.
- B. ATTENDANCE**
Present: Mr. Jagel, Dr. Kelly, Mr. Klotz, Mrs. Madon, Mrs. Sabin, Mrs. Yousey, Mr. Villani.
Absent: Mrs. Allen, Mr. Becker, Mr. Huelsebusch, Mrs. Cody.
Members of the Public Present: John Kalinich, Readington Trail Mapping Project.
- C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes of 3/24/2010 approved by voice vote.
- D. CORRESPONDENCE:**
1. Reno Barn Nomination Document (The New Jersey Barn Company)
 2. 3/24/10 Memo from Linda Busch re: Memorial Day Table
 3. 3/30 Letter Klotz to Douglas Clabough re Erik Schaub Project Completion
 4. 4/26 Letter Klotz to Douglas Clabough re Shaun Spiller Project Completion
- E. REGULAR REPORTS:**
1. **Farmland Preservation and Green Acres Developments:** (Mr. Klotz in the absence of Julia Allen): Readington has closed on the purchase of the Amawalk property. The house on .8 acres will be auctioned off on June 23.
 2. **County Open Space Board:** Jay Kelly: The County Board has voted to approve county funding for Amawalk; however the Freeholders have not acted on the matter.
 3. **Environmental Commission:** Jay Kelly: the Commission did not pursue the reapplication for the Conservation Easement proposal to the ANJEC grant program.
 4. **PRLA:** John Klotz: The twp has entered into a contract with Garden Associates to plan for the improvements to Summer Road Park.
- F. OPEN SPACE EVENTS: Reports; Scheduling of Future Events**
1. **Report of April and May Open Space Walks:** April 18 hike up Cushetunk mountain attended by 35 hikers and 4 dogs. May 16 hike in South Branch WMA- Three Bridges: about the same; Rich and Julie Allen mowed paths thru the high grass for the entire hike route.
 2. **Memorial Parade/Community Day: OSAB Table:** Members are asked to volunteer to assist.
- G. CENTRAL JERSEY INVASIVE SPECIES STRIKE TEAM (CJISST):** Update. Chairman will draft a request to the Township Committee asking for the Town to become a CJISST Partner, and email the draft to Board members for input. Dr. Kelly and Mrs. Yousey will consult. The request will then be submitted to the Twp Administrator.
- H. EAGLE SCOUT PROPOSAL of Jeffrey Erkkila for Infrastructure on Pleasant Run Greenway Trail.** Mr Erkkila proposes building and installing a kiosk at the Summer Road trailhead, two benches along the trail route, wooden trail marker posts and other improvements. The members requested more specific details and clarification from the Eagle candidate. If time is of the essence, chairman will email this information to members when it is obtained, rather than wait for the next meeting.

- I. READINGTON TRAIL MAPPING PROJECT:** Update. John Kalinich appeared and discussed the project. Two trails were selected for priority data collection and mapping: Pleasant Run Greenway and Pickell Park-Cushetunk Mountain (Vislocky portion). Mr. Kalinich agreed to work with Dr. Kelly to explore a cooperative agreement with RVCC for accessing the college's mapmaking software; to consult with the volunteer who has been drafting preliminary maps of these trails, to alert Mr. Klotz when he plans to do the data collection, and to give an update at the next meeting.
- J. FARMLAND PRESERVATION ISSUES:** (Julia Allen) Postponed.
- K. OSAB PROJECT LIST:** Review and update.
The list was not reviewed; however the project days were reviewed. Chairman noted that a lot of work has been done on trails and open space maintenance with the volunteer help from RVCC students, students from other schools, Sunday Open Space Hikers, PRLA and OSAB members. Chairman will resume updating and posting of the schedule/sign-up Google doc.
- L. OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**
- 1. Trail Grant for Readington School to Pleasant Run Rd. Trail:** No report.
 - 2. Vislocky/Cushetunk Mountain Trail**
A group from Temple Or Chadash worked on Vislocky trails on May 16. Work on the trail will a short term priority. The appropriateness of certain materials, including wood chips on the trail bed was discussed. A work session is scheduled for 5/27 and periodically thereafter. Obtain materials for ditch crossings and a wooden walkway in a wet area of the woods.
 - 3. RTA Grant/Cole Road Greenway West:** No report.
 - 4. Cushetunk Nature Center:** Ann Reno Barn project won a 2010 New Jersey historical Preservation Project Award. Mrs. Allen will schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony for the completed barn tentatively for Friday afternoon June 4. An Eagle Scout candidate is interested in a project to construct a viewing ramp over a portion of one of the wetland pools and signs for instruction.
 - 5. Township Tree Nursery:** A joint OSAB and PRLA project. Members of both groups planted 100 White Pine Trees at Dobozyński. However the actual tree nursery location is being changed to Cushetunk Nature Center. A scout from Troop 1969 is interested in making it his Eagle project to research, construct and plant the nursery. Mrs. Yousey advised that the ground should not be tilled when planting trees.
 - 6. Round Mountain Trails:** The vandalized kiosk on Woodschurch Road is still awaiting repair by the student volunteer from RVCC.
- J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
- K. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:** None
- L. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM

By: J.Klotz 5/28/10