# OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
# 2 FEBRUARY 2006 HOPATCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING

**The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building. by Chairperson Susan Jones. The Open Public Act meeting statement was given. The meeting was tape-recorded for the purpose of constructing minutes. Roll call indicated the following members were present: Richard Hodson, Susan Jones, Elizabeth Mauro, Joan Reilly, and Elide Young. Absent were Sylvia Petillo, and Cliff Lundin**

**On motion of Reilly and Jones, and the affirmative votes of all Richard Hodson was appointed acting secretary for the meeting.**

1. **MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Chairperson Jones.**

2. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. No one chose to speak.**

3. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON;. DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON, DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL SECRETARY (not recording secretary) Mayor Hodson opened the meeting for nominations for chairperson. On motion of Reilly and Jones, and the affirmative vote of all, Elide Young was elected chairperson. Chairperson Young then conducted the meeting. DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON; On motion of Reilly and Mauro, and the affirmative vote of all, Susan Jones was elected Deputy-Chairperson. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL SECRETARY (not recording secretary) On motion of Reilly and Jones, and the affirmative vote of all, Elizabeth Mauro was elected Secretary.**

4. **RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES/TIMES/LOCATION; OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS; AGENDA FOR MEETINGS; LOCATION FOR POSTING NOTICES**

**Following discussion of the frequency and dates of meetings, on motion of Reilly and Jones, and the affirmative votes of all the following resolution was adopted establishing meeting dates/time/location, the official newspapers, official site for posting notices, and typical meeting agenda.**

**WHEREAS: the adoption of the Open Public Meeting Act prohibits public bodies from having closed door meetings and requires the notice to be given to two newspapers and that this notice be filed with the Borough Clerk,**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That at the Meeting held on February 2, 2006, the Borough of Hopatcong Open Space/Recreation Committee designated the 2 February 2006 meeting as the reorganization meeting for**

**2006, and that the first Thursday in February 2007, 1 February 2007, will be the Reorganization Meeting for 2007. The meeting is to convene at 7:30 P.M. No regular meeting will be scheduled in January 2007, and**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That at the Reorganization Meeting held on February 2, 2006, the Borough of Hopatcong Open Space/Recreation Committee designates the first Thursday of February, May, June, September, and November 2006 as their regular meeting dates for 2006, said meetings to convene at 7:30 P.M. , and**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That the New Jersey Herald, and the Daily Record be designated as the official newspapers of the Open Space/Recreation Committee. In addition, the Committee will provide notices of meetings to the Sunday Herald, and the Star-Ledger.**

**Any person requesting a public body to mail them copies of any of the scheduled meeting dates or revision, and any advance written notice of regular, special or rescheduled meetings shall be charged the sum of one dollar for each and every notice mailed. No notice shall be mailed unless prepayment of the aforesaid charge has been received. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and notices requested by the news media shall be mailed to such news media free of charge.**

## SCHEDULED MEETING DATES FOR THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COMMITTEE – 2006/2007

**February 2, 2006**
**May 4, 2006**
**June 1, 2006**
**September 7, 2006**
**November 2, 2006**
**February 1, 2007**

## THE AGENDA FOR ALL MEETINGS

1. **Opening of Meeting/Open Public meetings Act Statement/Roll Call**
2. **Moment of Silent Reflection/Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes/ Authorize Payment of Bills**
4. **Meeting open to the public for discussion of items on the agenda**
5. **Committee Reports**
6. **Old Business**
7. **New Business**
8. **Open to public for discussion of all items**
9. **Adjournment of Meeting**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The public place at which all notices shall be posted will be the bulletin board situated in the hallway in the Municipal Building, and that the copies of this Resolution be given to all aforementioned newspapers and one copy of this Resolution be filed with the Borough Clerk.**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING 22 SEPT. : On motion of Jones and Mauro and the affirmative votes of all, the minutes of the 22 September 2004 meeting were approved.**
6. **DISTRIBUTE LIST OF MEMBERS; Copies of a list of the Open Space/Recreation Committee were distributed. They were reviewed by the members, and changed accordingly**

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**
   **STATUS OF OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COMMITTEE TRUST FUND ENDORSEMENTS**

SUMMARY PROJECTS APPROVED BY RECREATION/OPEN SPACE COM.

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| **OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COM.** | **12/31/2004** |
| **REAFFIRMED** | **2 /2/2006** |
| **PROJECT** | |
| **THREE 60 FT BASEPATH FIELDS, ON HILL BEHIND CIVIC CENTER** | **$100,000** |
| **ROLLER HOCKEY RINK** | **$30,000** |
| **WALKWAY-MODICK PARK** | **$8,000** |
| **VETERANS WAY IMPROVEMENT** | **$18,500** |
| **VETERANS FIELD EXTENSION** | **$20,000** |
| **SKATEBOARD PARK** | **$120,000** |
| **LOW LEVEL LIGHTING-CC HILL** | **$45,000** |
| | **$341,500** |

**At the end of 2004 the total expenditure recommended/authorized by the Open Space/Recreation Committee was $341,500. This list was reaffirmed 2 February 2006. Negotiations continue between the sewer contractor and the Hopatcong School District over the use of fill made available from the sewer project. Accordingly, the "60 FT BASEPATH FIELDS" project is on hold. The ROLLER HOCKEY RINK is complete and opened The extension of the WALKWAY in MODICK PARK is complete. Of the items in the VETERANS WAY IMPROVEMENT the poles and banners are up and the planter area constructed. Blocks have been installed at the Veteran's**

**monument. The wall to be constructed to replace the rope barrier at the monument has not been installed. Partial funding for that will come from Northwood Engine Company #2. As part of the VETERANS FIELD EXTENSION, fill was placed and spread. Topsoil and seeding was done. The SKATEBOARD PARK was completed and opened. Lighting of two fields on top of the hill behind the Civic Center is proceeding. One field is complete and is awaiting action by JCP&L. The contract for the lighting for the second field has been awarded.**

**During 2004 the Committee started discussing the need for paths and walkways. The Committee established as a goal for 2005 the development of such a plan. Some locations were considered. It was recognized that a specific plan was required to address this need. During 2005 an anonymous grant was given to Morris Land Conservancy and, following discussion with the Borough, was to be used for a Greenway/Trails Plan. Its completion date is March 2006.**

**The Mayor and Council are considering plans for a "dog park". The plans for one at the corner of Kisling Avenue and Maxim Drive was presented to the Planning Board at its 17 January meeting for general discussion. Some residents of the area attended and objected. The Planning Board recommended that a different site be considered.**

**The Highlands Council projects completion of its plan for the reserved area of the Highlands in June 2006. It may impact part of the greenway/trails plan, as well as other development in the Borough. As information is released by the Highlands Council, it will be distributed.**

**On motion of Jones and Reilly, and the affirmative votes of all, the Committee reaffirmed the 31 December 2004 list of projects without any changes.**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**
**The Greenway/Trails plan is due for completion and release in March. A joint meeting with the Environmental Commission will be scheduled to discuss it. Unallocated Open Space Trust Fund money may be authorized for implementation of part of the plan. Other projects were discussed but the Committee chose to hold off on support changes or additions until full consideration was given to the completed plan.**

**9. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS: The meeting was opened to the public by Chairperson Young. No one chose to speak.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT: At 8:17 PM on motion of Jones and Reilly_ and the affirmative votes of all, the meeting was adjourned.**

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