

**HOPATCONG OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COMMITTEE
MAY 3, 2007**

The meeting of the Hopatcong Open Space/Recreation Committee was opened by Chairperson Reilly at 7:41 PM. Cliff Lundin gave the Open Public Meeting announcement with a statement that this meeting is held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq., annual notice having been forwarded to The New Jersey Herald, The Sunday Herald and The Daily Record and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Richard Hodson
Susan Jones
Clifford Lundin
Elizabeth Mauro
Sylvia Petillo
Joan Reilly
ABSENT: Elide Young

Also in attendance were Robert Daddis.

Susan Jones made a motion to appoint Marie Filoso as the Recording Secretary for the meeting this evening. Sylvia Petillo seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Joan Reilly asked for a moment of silence reflection...Joan Reilly led the Salute to the Flag.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Joan Reilly opened the meeting to the public. There being no public in attendance, Joan Reilly closed the meeting to the public.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 29, 2007 MINUTES

Susan Jones made a motion to approve the March 29, 2007 minutes. Sylvia Petillo seconded the motion and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Richard Hodson mentioned that the Memorial Wall at Veteran's Field would be completed shortly.

Joan Reilly announced that Robert Daddis has been confirmed to the Open Space Committee but he must be sworn before he can vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Cliff Lundin reported from the Trails Implementation Committee regarding the Veteran's Park Trail. Cliff Lundin said that he met at the field with John Ruskee, the borough engineer and they discussed the possibility of four new trails. The first trail being a perimeter trail. The second trail being from Vet's Field up to the Heights. The third trail being from Vet's Field up to Durban Avenue School. The fourth trail would be towards the Middle School.

Cliff Lundin announced that there are two applications for the Sussex County Open Space processors; however, the committee will consider applications throughout the year. (Cliff Lundin said that the county monies maybe go up to 40%) Cliff mentioned that the Grants last year ranged from \$100,000.00 to \$500,000.00 for the town.

Susan Jones made a motion to recommend to Mayor and Council that they enter into an agreement with Morris Land Conservancy to negotiate with property owners in the development applications for submission to the county for Open Space Acquisition for up to \$4000.00. Elizabeth Mauro seconded the motion. **YES:** R. Hodson, S. Jones, C. Lundin, E. Mauro, S. Petillo, J. Reilly. **ABSENT:** E. Young

Richard Hodson reported on Whitten Park and commented that it was brought to the Council. Cliff Lundin stated that the problem is that the beach club property was once named as a park but there is an area of conflict between the club and the borough. Cliff Lundin said that he believes that we should to develop a plan.

Richard Hodson commented that there were about thirty people at today's National Day of Prayer. Richard Hodson announced that May 5th is for recycling tires at the Borough's recycling center. May 5th is also The Mayor's Health & Wellness Day at the Civic Center.

The Committee established that the next Open Space meeting will be on June 7, 2007.

Meeting open to the public – There being no one in attendance:

ADJOURN

Susan Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Elizabeth Mauro seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Submitted by,

Marie Filoso
Recording Secretary