

**OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
1 APRIL 2004, HOPATCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting was opened at 7:53 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, Joan Reilly, and Elide Young. Absent were Robert Daddis, Elizabeth Mauro, and Laurie Spaziani. A quorum was present.

On motion of Reilly and Young, 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 spoke.

3. MINUTES 5 FEBRUARY 2004. On motion of Young and Reilly, and the affirmative votes of all, the minutes of the 5 February reorganization meeting were approved.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

STATUS OF OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COMMITTEE TRUST FUND ENDORSEMENTS: The project to create three 60 foot basepath fields on top of the hill behind the Civic Center is still alive. The use of the area for the fields has the School Districts approval, although no formal vote has been taken. The Roller Hockey Rink is essentially complete. Funding for fencing is required. The walkway in Modick Park is complete unless additional paving is added. A meeting is being scheduled with VFW Post 10101 to discuss the banners on Veterans Way. Estimates for the installation of poles are being obtained. The Borough signs will be installed in the two planters. A meeting is scheduled with local skateboard enthusiasts to discuss the proposed skateboard park, in preparation for going out to bid.

5. NEW BUSINESS: The first item discussed by the Committee was the preparation of additional mapping and wetland buffer averaging at Sperry Springs Park in preparation for a development plan for that park (on Maxim Drive at the intersection with Hudson Avenue). On motion of Young and Reilly and the affirmative votes of all the discussion was tabled to be revisited at a later date. A second item, the potential construction of a football complex on the side of the hill near the high school football field and the Middle School, was mentioned briefly. This proposed construction had been considered by the Hopatcong School Board in 1998 but was shelved in favor of a different project. A third item, the development of walking and bicycle paths, was endorsed with enthusiasm by the Committee. "Patriots Path" was suggested as a model to start with. Elide Young volunteered to get information about "Patriots Path" for the Committee. Richard Hodson will contact Morris Land Conservancy to ascertain its progress in developing a trail/path through the Hopatcong area.

6. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS: The meeting was opened to the public by Chairperson Jones. Patrick Gleason asked if there would be bathrooms in the park (Maxim Glen/Modick Park). He was informed that bathrooms are being considered, and that there is a high probability they will be installed.

6. ADJOURNMENT: At 9:43 PM on motion of Young and Reilly, and the affirmative votes of all the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting of the Open Space/Recreation Committee will be 7:30 PM Thursday, 3 June 2004