

## Franklin Township Open Space Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 9, 2004

### Regular Minutes

1. **Call to order in accordance with the Sunshine Law provision.** At 7:08, a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order in accordance with the Sunshine Law.
2. **Introductions/roll call.** Present were members Jones, Thomas, Battin, Connolly, Chase, Sherwood and Orsini. Arriving later were Clyde and Osipowitz. Also present was Consultant Loos. Chairman Jones asked for a moment of silence in memory of Flo van Pelt who recently passed away. After the moment of silence, Orsini moved and Sherwood seconded a motion to have the OSAC purchase a tree and memorial plaque and have them both placed in the Memorial Arboretum. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of the October 19, 2004 minutes.** Orsini moved and Thomas seconded a motion to approve the October 19, 2004 minutes. Motion carried. Orsini moved and Connolly seconded a motion to take a brief recess at 8 pm to attend the swearing in of Fred McKenzie as Councilman. Motion carried.
4. **Opening of the meeting to the public.** Upon a motion by Orsini, seconded by Connolly, a motion carried to open the meeting to the public. There being no public who wanted to speak, Orsini moved and Battin seconded a motion to close meeting to public. Motion carried.
5. **Financial Report.** (John Clyde arrived at this point.) Loos reviewed the financial report and explained that there currently is \$12,703,768.32 available in the trust fund. Orsini moved and Sherwood seconded a motion to approve the financial report. Motion carried.
6. **Old Business.**
  - a. **Property management status report.** Loos reviewed the status of various property management projects.
  - b. **Memorial Arboretum--status of site plan.** Loos reported that RFP's had gone out for the design of the Memorial Arboretum. The committee reviewed the specs for the RFP and made several suggestions regarding the order of planting. Once a plan for the site is developed, this will be further discussed.
  - c. **Hunting on Open Space Property.** Jones asked that Loos prepare a hunting statistical report form and bring it to the Dec OSAC meeting for review. This would be a format for the Wildlife Control Committee to utilize. The OSAC will then review these statistics at the March 2005 meeting and make further decisions regarding hunting on open Space. Battin asked that hunting goals and objectives be prepared. Loos was directed to prepare draft for the Dec. meeting.
7. **Releasing Executive session minutes from past meetings.** Upon a motion by Clyde, seconded by Connolly a motion carried to release Ex. Session minutes from the following meetings:

<u>1999-</u>	10-17-00	5-21-02
2-16-99	11-21-04	6-18-02
3-16-99		9-17-02
4-20-99	<u>2001-</u>	10-15-02
6-15-99	1-16-01	11-19-02
7-20-99	2-20-01	
8-17-99	3-20-01	
9-21-99	4-17-01	
10-19-99	5-15-01	<u>2003-</u>
	9-18-01	1-21-03
<u>2000-</u>	10-16-01	3-18-03
3-21-00	11-21-01	4-15-03
4-18-00		5-20-03
4-27-00	<u>2002-</u>	6-17-03
5-16-00	1-15-02	10-21-03
6-29-00	2-19-02	
7-18-00	3-19-02	
9-18-00	4-16-02	

8. **Trails Advisory Committee and Park Ordinance proposed changes.** Chairman Jones reported on his attendance at a recent Township council meeting at which the OSAC's recommended changes to the park ordinance and the OSAC's recommendation for a trails advisory committee were discussed. His impression was that the council was generally favorably inclined toward OSAC's recommendations. The council did explore raising the fines for ATV use on open space beyond the recommendations of the OSAC and Jones told the Council that he thought OSAC would be supportive.
9. **Canal House.** Thomas asked if OSAC had any involvement with the developer who was obligated to take care of the Canal House. No member indicated that they had. It was suggested that OSAC contact the Planning Board staff to see if there is any follow up to this.
10. **Historic grant.** Sherwood reported that he had spoken with a member of the Historic Preservation Commission and that member indicated that the HPC members did not know about the OSAC's historic grant program. Loos reported that he notified the HPC chairman of the program and asked for a volunteer from the HPC to sit on the grant review subcommittee.
11. **Executive Session to discuss possible purchase or sale of property.** Upon a motion by Connolly, seconded by Orsini, a motion carried to go into Executive Session to discuss property negotiations.
12. **Adjournment.** At 10:00 PM the committee came out of Executive session and Chairman Jones adjourned the meeting.